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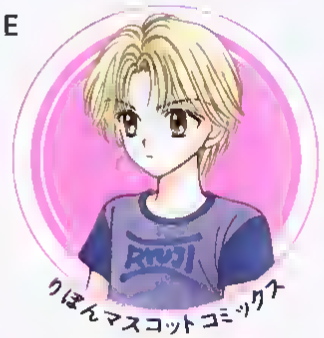

女装して学園に転入し、女子寮で生活するのえるは、同室の未有に恋しちゃった!? ところが、その女装のおかげで次から次へとピンチの連続で……。

●収録作品●
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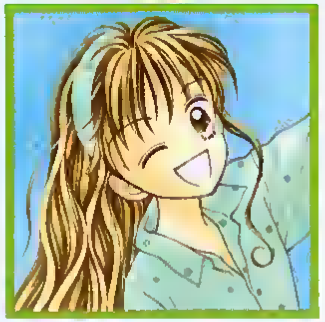

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「この年末年始は仕事をためこんでしまい、いまだに'99年のカレンダーも買えず、また年賀状も1枚も書けずに終わってしまいました。みなさん、ゴメンなさい」という吉住渉先生。でも『ミントな僕ら』は、ますます、盛りあがりをみせてます！

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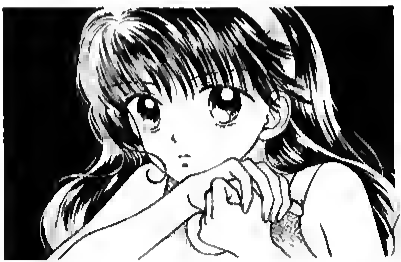
Somos chicos de menta

ミントな僕(ぼく)
【3】

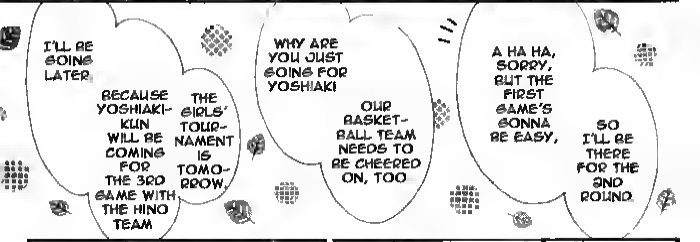
TODAY'S THE DAY THE SUMMER TOURNAMENT STARTS

OF COURSE, THE GUY'S BASKETBALL TEAM AT MORINOMIYA IS PARTICIPATING IN THIS

OH, NO.. I OVERSLEPT!



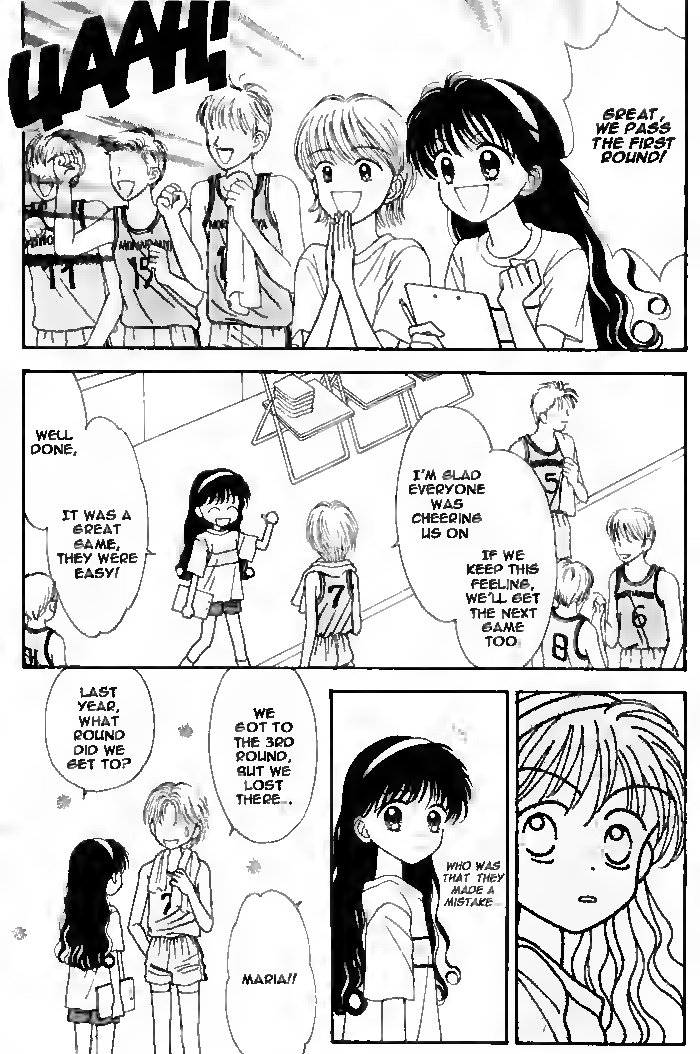
DON'T YOU HAVE PLENTY OF TIME? THE FIRST GAME DOESN'T START 'TIL 9:00.
I'M GLAD THE TOURNEY'S AT OUR SCHOOL, THAT WAY WE CAN GO TO IT.
BUT THE MEETING'S AT 8:00!!
THAT'S WHY I WAS CARELESS THIS MORNING..


I'LL BE GOING LATER.
BECAUSE YOSHIAKI-KUN WILL BE COMING FOR THE 3RD GAME WITH THE HINO TEAM
THE GIRLS' TOURNAMENT IS TOMORROW.
WHY ARE YOU JUST GOING FOR YOSHIAKI
OUR BASKETBALL TEAM NEEDS TO BE CHEERED ON, TOO
A HA HA, SORRY, BUT THE FIRST GAME'S GONNA BE EASY,
SO I'LL BE THERE FOR THE 2ND ROUND

BUT NOEL, WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO STAY HOME TODAY?
ARE YOU SURE GOING TODAY'S OK?

?
ACK, IT'S ALREADY 7:30!

SEE YA, I'M GOING!!
BLAM!
...
WELL, THEY'RE AT DIFFERENT TIMES
WILL IT BE OK?
BAM!
BAM!
BAM!
MORIYAMA
7
GAME SET!


UAAH!
GREAT, WE PASS THE FIRST ROUND!
WELL DONE,
IT WAS A GREAT GAME, THEY WERE EASY!
I'M GLAD EVERYONE WAS CHEERING US ON
IF WE KEEP THIS FEELING, WE'LL GET THE NEXT GAME TOO.
LAST YEAR, WHAT ROUND DID WE GET TO?
WE GOT TO THE 3RD ROUND, BUT WE LOST THERE...
MARIA!!
WHO WAS THAT THEY MADE A MISTAKE...

I THOUGHT IT WAS YOU!
HIGASHIYAMA
6
DID YOU COME TO SEE ME?
DA DA DA DAI-SUKE !!??
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?
OUR TEAM IS PLAYING IN THE 3RD GAME AGAINST HINO.
OH, MAYBE YOU'RE PINCH-HITTING FOR NOEL?
NOEL TOLD ME THAT HE WAS THE GUYS' BASKETBALL TEAM MANAGER, SO I THOUGHT I COULD MEET HIM. THAT'S WHY I CAME EARLY.
WHY ARE YOU HERE, MARIA?
UH, YEAH! THAT'S IT!
...

COULD THIS BE THE GUY YOU TALKED ABOUT?
THE BOY-FRIEND YOU'RE GETTING LOVEY-DOVEY WITH.
UHM.. NO
THIS MY CLASS-MATE SASA RYUJI.
HE'S REALLY GOOD FRIENDS WITH NOEL.
AND THIS IS SAKURAI DAISUKE FROM MY OLD SCHOOL, HIGASHIYAMA.
HE WAS REALLY GOOD FRIENDS WITH NOEL, TOO
SAKURAI
6
7
NOEL'S NEW BEST FRIEND...?
NOEL'S OLD BEST FRIEND...
KA-TH!
HIGASHIYAMA
6
MORINOMIYA
7

THAT FLUSTERED ME
I THOUGHT HE FOUND ME OUT
YOU DIDN'T TELL THE GUYS AT YOUR OLD SCHOOL YOU WERE SNEAKING IN AS A GIRL?
MORINOMIYA
7
OTHER THAN MY FAMILY AND THE CHAIRMAN YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS, SASA!

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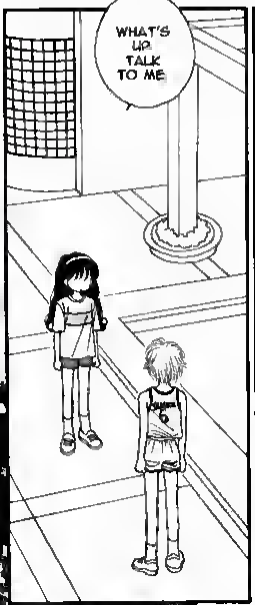
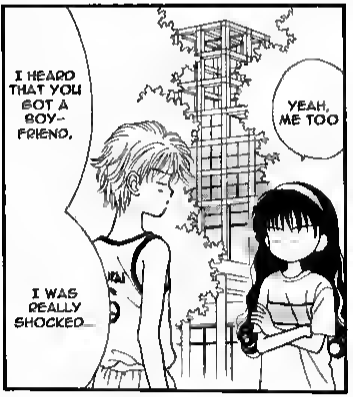
I'M GLAD I CAUGHT YOU THIS TIME.
I WANT TO TALK TO YOU.
IS THAT OK??
AIGASHIYAMA

NOTHING I CAN DO
I'LL LISTEN TO HIM AS MARIA'S SUBS-TITUTE


WHAT'S UP. TALK TO ME

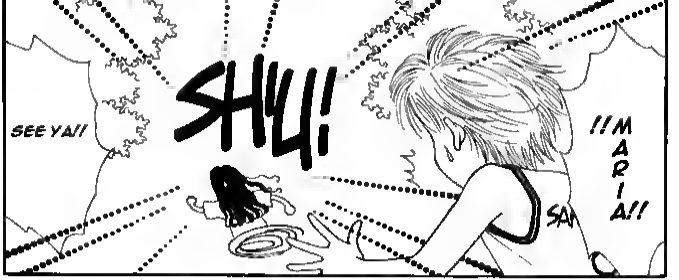

I HEARD THAT YOU GOT A BOY-FRIEND.
I WAS REALLY SHOCKED...
YEAH, ME TOO

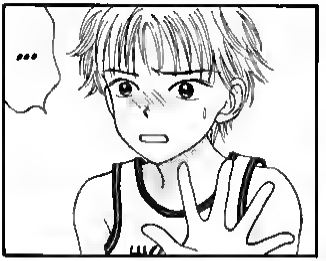
HUH!?
OH, NO-THING!!

SO, SINCE THERE WAS NOTHING I COULD DO, I THOUGHT I WOULD GIVE UP
BUT THEN I SAW KARIN, SO I'LL DO MY BEST TOO THAT PUT ME IN HIGH SPIRITS
??
I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE HECK HE'S TALKING ABOUT
OH, NO.!!
THE REAL MARIA!!
SHUU!
DA..DAISUKE! LET'S GO TALK IN BACK!!

ZIU!
ZU!
GOOD. NOBODY AROUND HERE!
SHE BROUGHT ME TO THIS DESERTED PLACE OF HER OWN FREE WILL... BESIDES THAT, SHE'S HOLDING ME SO CLOSE TO HER.
MAYBE THE STORY OF HER LOVEY-DOVEY BOYFRIEND IS FAKE. DOES SHE REALLY LOVE ME ?
KI...

!!
MM
M
SAKU
YAAAF!
PLAAH!
YA!
YA!
YA!
...
A MOS-QUITO!
THERE WAS A MOS-QUITO ON YOUR CHEEK.
I HATE SUMMER HA HA

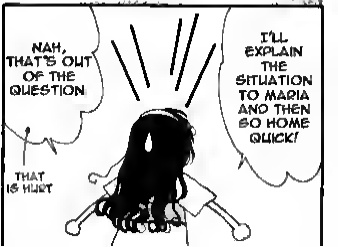




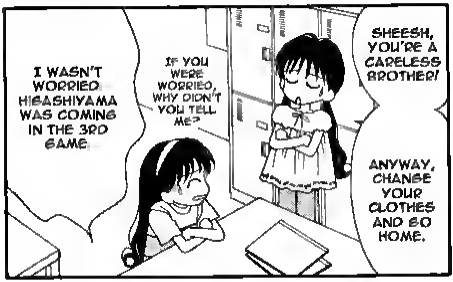
DAISUKE LOVES MARIA?

AFTER ALL, I DIDN'T HEAR HIM OUT.

BUT WAS IT A CONFESSION?



GIRLS' BASKETBALL CLUB
YOU MET UP WITH DAISUKE? I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT!
THAT'S WHY I SAID IT WOULD BE ETTER TO STAY HOME TODAY!

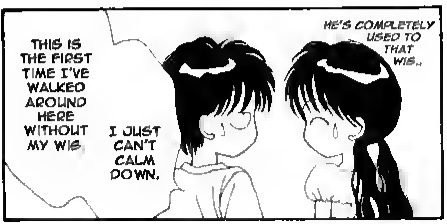

I WASN'T WORRIED. HIGASHIYAMA WAS COMING IN THE 3RD GAME.
IF YOU WERE WORRIED, WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?
SHEESH, YOU'RE A CARELESS BROTHER!
ANYWAY, CHANGE YOUR CLOTHES AND GO HOME.

BUT IF I BUMP INTO DAISUKE AGAIN
AH, MARIA
WHAT THE?
IT'S MARIA AGAIN! SHE HAS HER HAIR AND CLOTHES ARE ALL DIFFERENT! WHY?
THAT COULD HAPPEN

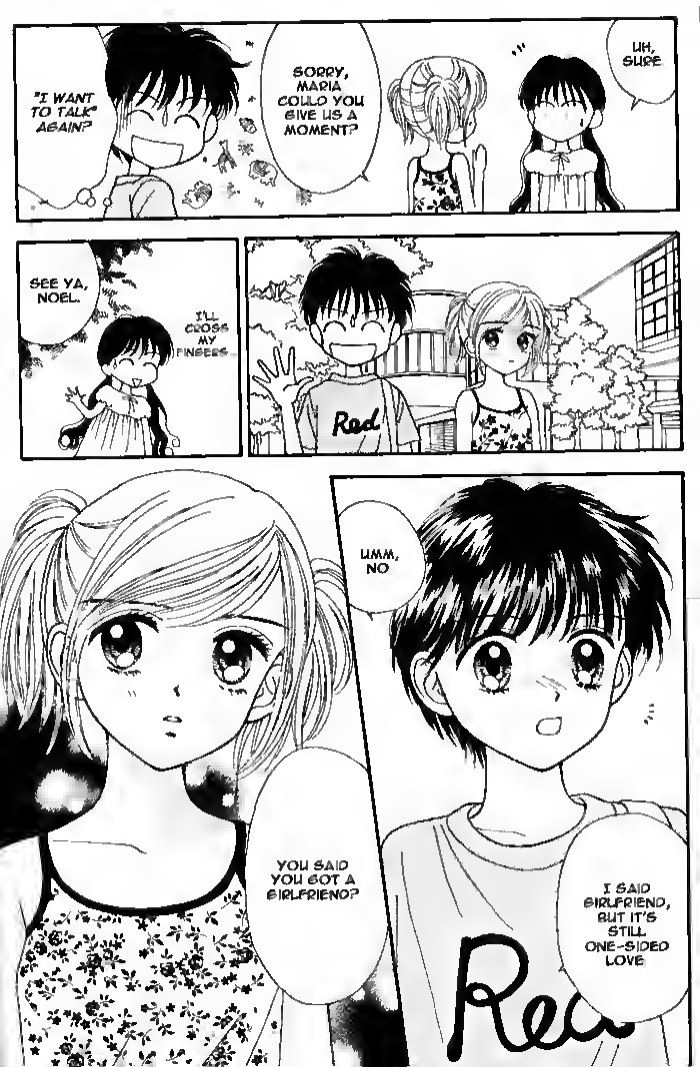
...
OH, WHAT DO I DO...
SHOULD I HIDE HERE 'TIL NIGHTFALL.
NOEL, TAKE OFF YOUR WIG!
THEN TAKE OFF YOUR T-SHIRT TOO! I'LL LEND YOU ONE OF MINE
THE GYM SHORTS ARE FINE, BUT THERE'S NO OTHER CHOICE IN THIS SITUATION.
HUH!?
YOU'RE GOING HOME AS YOUR GUY VERSION
I'LL ESCORT YOU TO THE GATE.
IF WE MEET DAISUKE OR SOMEONE FROM HIGASHIYAMA, YOU'RE NOEL WE'LL RECEIVE THEM THAT WAY. IF WE MEET SOMEONE FROM MORINOMIYA, YOU'RE MY COUSIN TORU. I'LL DO THE EXPLAINING
MARIA!! ♡
PASS THE GATE. YOU'LL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING YOURSELF.
YEAH! THANK YOU!!
BOTH TIMES, HE DIDN'T THINK ABOUT THE MEETING PATTERN.
OH, THIS TROUBLESOME BROTHER NEEDS LOTS OF HELP.

ZU!
ZU!

DON'T LOOK AROUND SO MUCH!
YOU'LL STAND OUT MORE.
YEAH, BUT YOU KNOW ??


THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE WALKED AROUND HERE WITHOUT MY WIG.
I JUST CAN'T CALM DOWN.
HE'S COMPLETELY USED TO THAT WIG..

YOOO...
NOEL!! MARIA!
UPS!
KA.....KARIN!!?
WHY??
OH, THAT'S IT, YOU CAME TO CHEER ON THE TEAM.
YEAH.
I'M GLAD I MET YOU TWO. I RAN LATE, SO I THOUGHT I'D GO HOME
I... I'M GOING HOME RIGHT NOW TOO.
GLAD I'M NOT WEARING MY WIG.
UMM... ACTU-ALLY,
I WANT TO TALK TO NOEL.
IS THAT OK!?


"I WANT TO TALK AGAIN?
SORRY, MARIA COULD YOU GIVE US A MOMENT?
UH, SURE
SEE YA, NOEL.
I'LL CROSS MY FINGERS
Rea
UMM, NO
YOU SAID YOU GOT A GIRLFRIEND?
I SAID GIRLFRIEND, BUT IT'S STILL ONE-SIDED LOVE
Rea

IF THAT'S STILL THE CASE,
IS SHE GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU!?
PLEASE, FORGET ABOUT THAT GIRL!
HUH!?
I KNOW IT'S SELFISH TO SAY THIS
BUT,
YOU'RE DATING ANOTHER GIRL REALLY ANNOYS ME
ACK... YOSHIAKI!!

THEY'RE JUST COMING ONE AFTER ANOTHER!!
NOEL....
I'VE LOVED YOU FOR A LONG TIME, NOEL!!
UH, YEAH I GOTCHA!! SEE YA!!
DOESN'T HAS A CLUE
SHU!
I CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE I'LL ESCAPE THROUGH THE BACK GATE!!
Red
Red

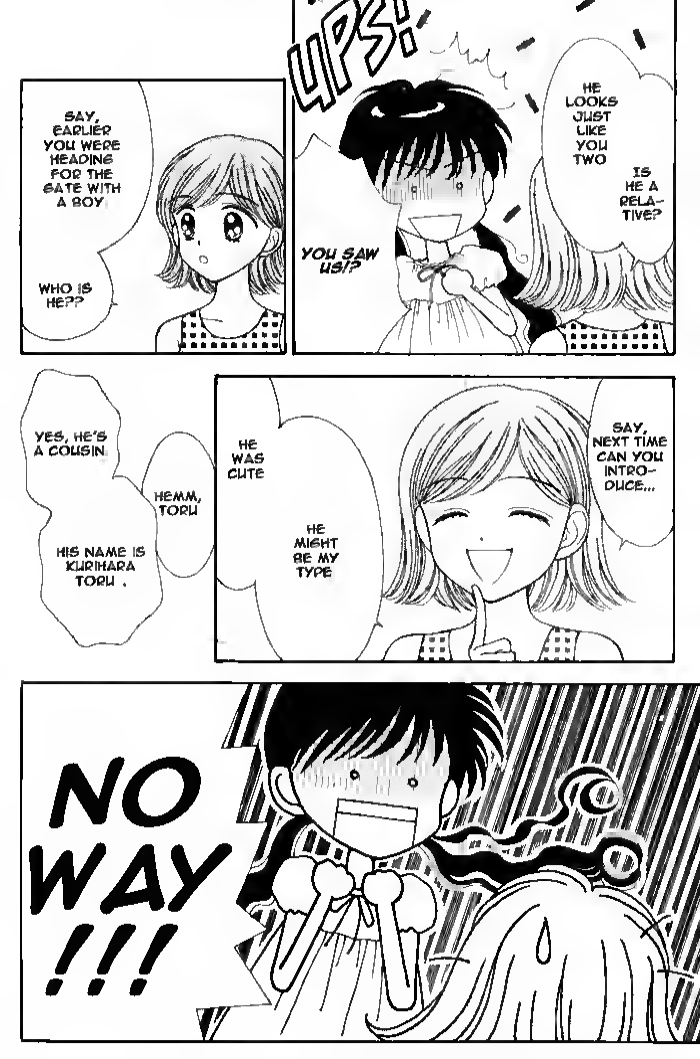
TAP! TAP! TAP!

...
WHA...

WHAT WAS THAT

MARIA!!
OVER HERE.

THANKS FOR WAITING, KANAKO
SORRY ABOUT THAT
THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT
NO, IT'S OK.


SAY, EARLIER YOU WERE HEADING FOR THE GATE WITH A BOY
WHO IS HE??
UPS!
YOU SAW US!?
HE LOOKS JUST LIKE YOU TWO
IS HE A RELA-TIVE?
YES, HE'S A COUSIN.
HEMM, TORU
HIS NAME IS KURIHARA TORU .
HE WAS CUTE
HE MIGHT BE MY TYPE
SAY, NEXT TIME CAN YOU INTRO-DUCE...
NO WAY !!!

HE'S GOT A REALLY BAD PERSONALITY AND I CAN'T DO A THING ABOUT HIM! PLEASE, JUST STOP WITH THIS GUY! PLEASE!
I CAN'T SAY ANY MORE WITHOUT MAKING THINGS MORE COMPLICATED.
OH, OK!!
OH, LOOK. HERE COMES YOSHIAKI
MARIA...

THEY'RE ALMOST ALL ALONE IN THEIR OWN WORLD.
BRING BACK TO THE REAL WORLD
OH!
I'M MARIA!
HIGASHIYAMA
OH, DAISUKE
...
SORRY FOR RUNNING SO SUDDENLY
BUT...
I'M SERIOUS!!

?
ABOUT WHAT?
OH, NO. WHAT KIND OF THING HAPPENED TO HER!!
IT WAS A SERIOUS MATTER TO ME.
TU-TUM!
TU-TUM!
WHO'S THIS?
A FRIEND FROM MY OLD SCHOOL.
HE WAS MY PRACTICE PARTNER AT HIGASHIYAMA
DAISUKE, THIS IS HINO'S CAPTAIN, HIROBE YOSHIAKI
MY DARLING!!
SKRAASH!

CONTINUE

WELL DONE.
IT WAS AN OVER-WHELMING VICTORY.
THANK YOU—
YOUR FRIEND LOOKED LIKE HE WAS FEELING REALLY BAD.
HE KEPT ON MISSING HIS SHOTS
YEAH HE'S A MUCH BETTER PLAYER THAN THAT. SOMETHING WAS WRONG.
I WONDER WHY
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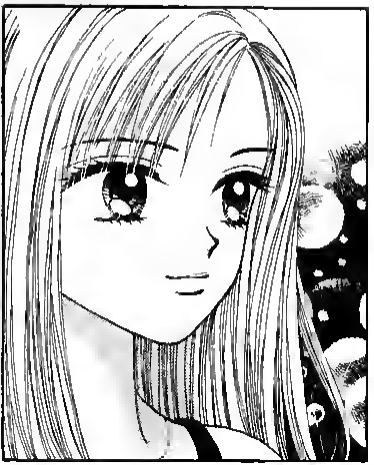
IS THE GAME OVER?



.. AKIRA!!!
HINO
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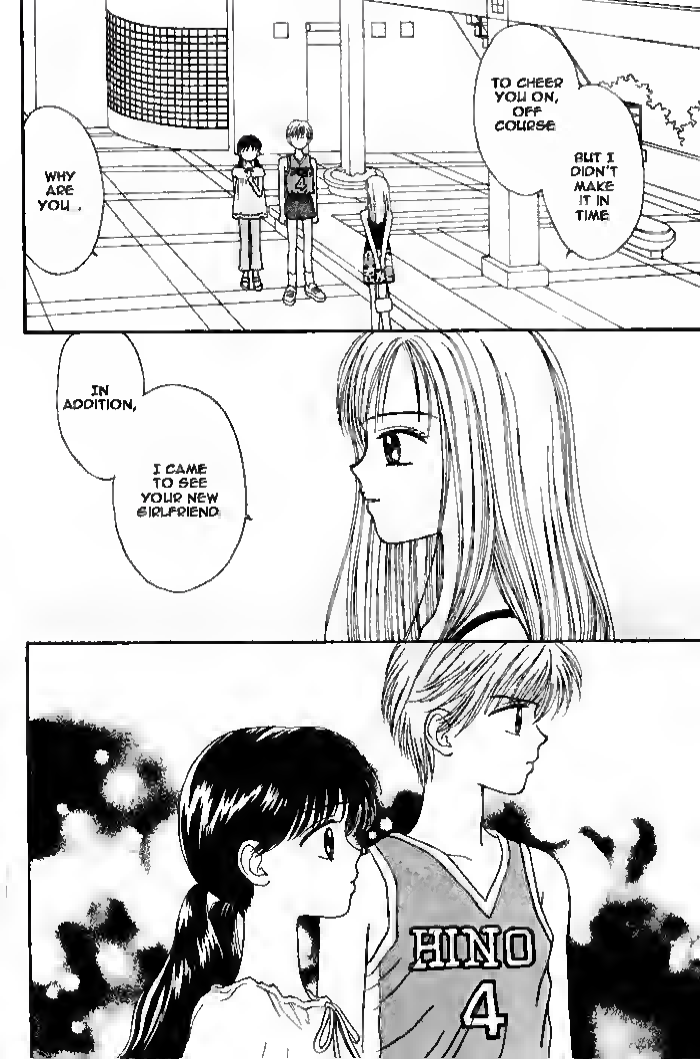
WHY ARE YOU...
TO CHEER YOU ON, OFF COURSE
BUT I DIDN'T MAKE IT IN TIME
IN ADDITION,
I CAME TO SEE YOUR NEW GIRLFRIEND
HINO
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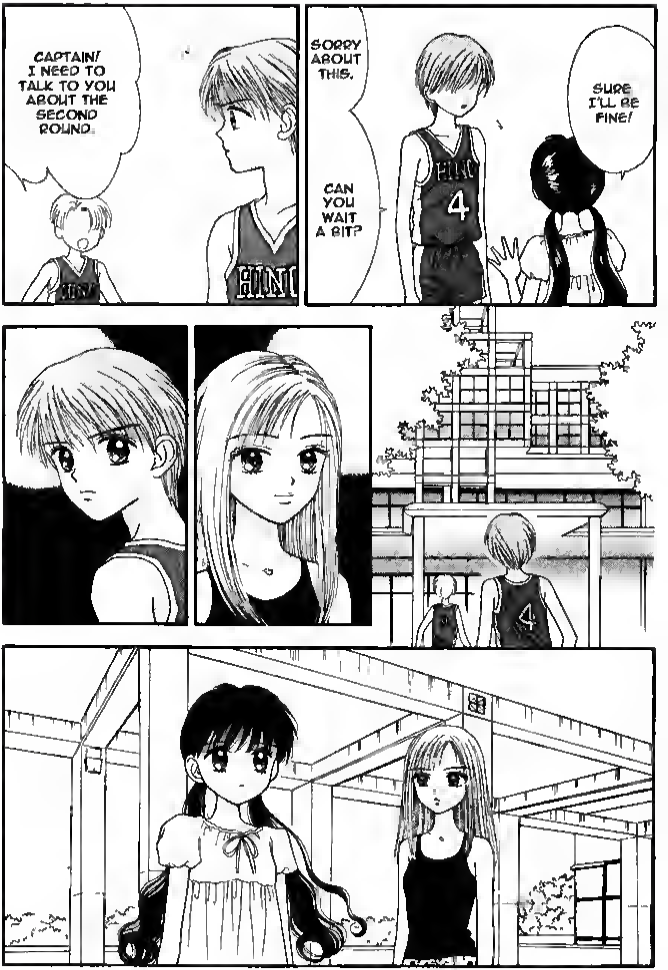
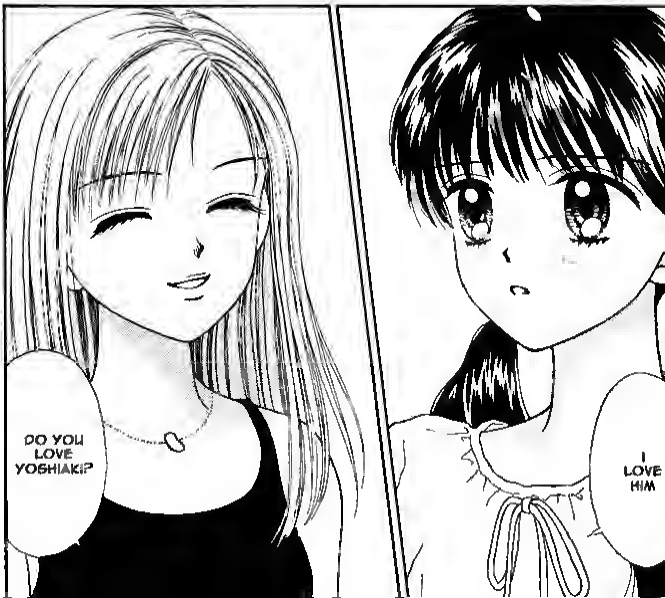
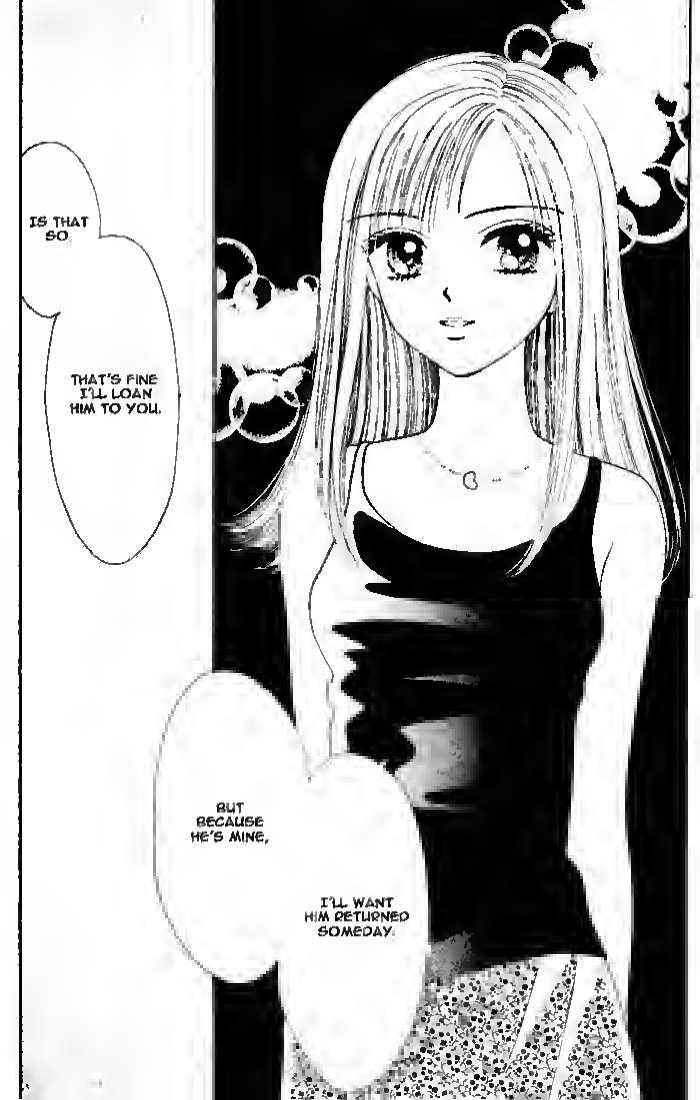
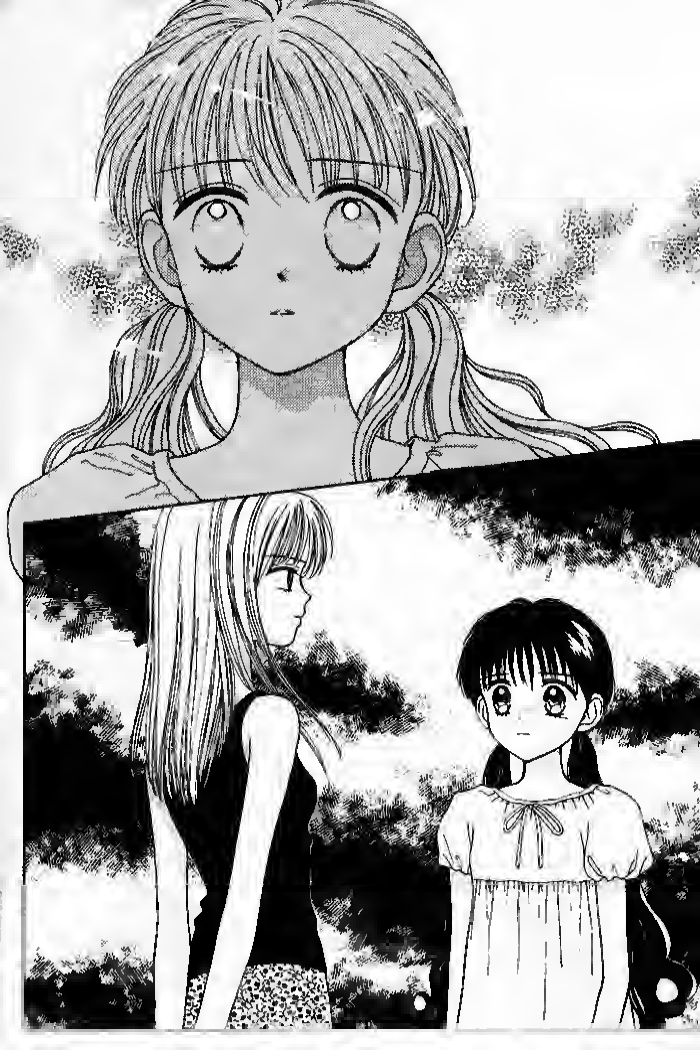
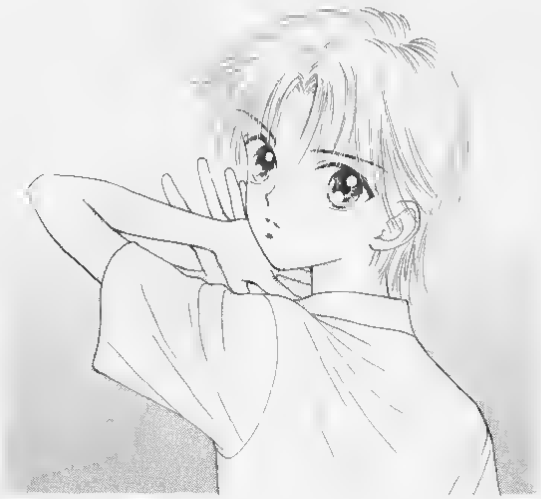

CAPTAIN! I NEED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE SECOND ROUND.
SORRY ABOUT THIS.
CAN YOU WAIT A BIT?
SURE I'LL BE FINE!
4
4

I'M NAKAYAMA AKIRA
WHO ARE YOU?
I'M MINAMINO MARIA
WHAT YEAR ARE YOU IN SCHOOL?
I'M A JUNIOR IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.
HUH..
THEN YOU'RE TWO YEARS BEHIND ME.


DO YOU LOVE YOSHIAKI?
I LOVE HIM

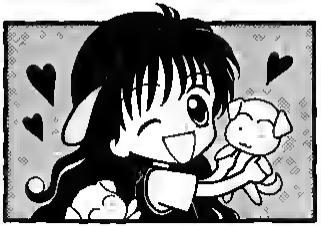

IS THAT SO.
THAT'S FINE I'LL LOAN HIM TO YOU.
BUT BECAUSE HE'S MINE,
I'LL WANT HIM RETURNED SOMEDAY.





A CHILDHOOD FRIEND...?
YEAH,
SHE'S MY NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR.
WHEN WE WERE LITTLE, WE WERE ALWAYS TOGETHER CAUSE OF THAT, IT SEEMS LIKE SHE THOUGHT I BELONG TO HER
I'M SORRY SHE MADE YOU THINK OF UNPLEASANT THINGS.
SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT AKIRA
...
SURE.

YEAH,
THERE IS A 3D MOVIE CALLED "BLUE OASIS".
YOU CAN SEE UNDERSEA FISH & PLANT LIFE RENDERED AS THREE-DIMENSIONAL PICTURES
WHAT!!
REALLY!? YOU CAN GO!?
OK
SEE YA DAY AFTER TOMMOR-ROW AT 1 O'CLOCK!



PI PI!
...
!!YAHOO!!
FULL POWER
I'M HOME.
BAM!
OH, NOEL. I'M HOME.
HOW DID IT GO? DID YOU GET HOME SAFE?
YEAH, SOMEHOW.
I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT TODAY. THANK YOU.
WELCOME HOME, MARIA! I'M COMING IN.

BY THE WAY,
I JUST CALLED MIYU TO INVITE HER, AND SHE SAID OK.
MIYU AND I ARE GOING TO THE I-MAX THEATRE IN SHINJUKU!
IT'S OUR FIRST DATE!! JUST THE TWO OF US!!
I SEE...
YOU'RE HAPPY ABOUT IT.
YOU DON'T LOOK TOO WELL.
DID YOSHIAKI'S TEAM LOSE TO HIGA-SHIYAMA?
NO, THEY WON
64-38.
SO, DAISUKE'S TEAM LOST.
I HOPE IT WASN'T BECAUSE I HIT HIM.
I MET AKIRA
SHE'S A CHILDHOOD FRIEND OF YOSHIAKI

SHE'S IN HIGH SCHOOL.
SHE'S REALLY PRETTY AND ADULT-LIKE.
SHE SAID "I WANT HIM BACK SOMEDAY" ABOUT YOSHIAKI
HE SAID NOT TO WORRY ABOUT IT, BUT
FULL POWER
LOOK HERE, THAT GUY'S STILL NO GOOD.
THAT ANNOYING GIRL'S STUCK TO HIM LIKE GLUE!
JUST STOP GOING AFTER HIM AND BREAK UP!
THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO SAY,
BUT MAPIA LOVES THAT GUY...
MMM!!!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT GIRL!!
YOU'RE A MUCH CUTER AND BETTER GIRL THAN SHE IS! DON'T LOSE.
THAT'S OK.
...
NOEL..
HAVE FAITH IN HIM!
THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOSHIAKI "YOU BETTER TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER."
THANK YOU!
I'LL STOP WORRYING AND HAVE FAITH IN YOSHIAKI
THAT'S RIGHT

OH YEAH.
IF IT REALLY DOESN'T WORK OUT WITH YOSHIAKI
EH!?
ZINN!
THERE'S ALWAYS ONE IN A MILLION CHANCE.
THERE ARE LOTS OF OTHER GUYS OUT THERE.
DAISUKE FOR INSTANCE!
IT LOOKS LIKE THAT GUY LOVES YOU
DAI-SUKE?
YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING.
WHAT'S YOUR BASIS?
NAH, I WON'T TELL YOU THAT.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, NOEL!
WHAT DID KARIN TALK TO YOU ABOUT?
COULD IT HAVE BEEN A CONFES-SION?
A CONFES-SION?
FULL POWER!
FULL POWER
NO, IT WAS...
WHAT WAS IT?

SORRY, KARIN!
I WAS A LITTLE WORRIED TODAY AND I HAD A BAD HEADACHE
...
I DIDN'T LISTEN TO YOU PROPERLY. I'M REALLY SORRY!!
THAT'S REALLY HURT
BUT THAT'S OK. YOU CALLED ME,
SO I FORGIVE YOU.
I WAS SO MESSED UP CAUSE YOU WOUNDED ME!
OH, SO SORRY!!! SORRY...
REALLY!? OH, WHAT A RELIEF
THANK YOU, KARIN!
SO DO YOU WANT TO TALK?
FULL DO

I FEEL A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED ABOUT TODAY.
BUT 'TILL NEXT TIME, I'LL JUST RECOVER BY MYSELF
YEAH, BUT NOT OVER THE PHONE...
I WANT TO TALK TO YOU DIRECTLY SO CAN I DO THAT NEXT TIME?
I REALLY DID SOMETHING BAD. ARE YOU SERIOUSLY DISTRESSED?
ARE YOU OK??
YEAH, I'M OK.
I'LL CALL YOU SOON.
THEN WE'LL SET THE DATE
GOT IT..
I'LL BE WAITING. CHEER UP!!!
I WILL...
SEE YA...

TULT... TULT...
WHOSE FAULT WAS IT? I'M FEELING TERRIBLE, YOU TWIT!
BUT,
I STILL LOVE HIM..
OK..
HOOPER
I'LL DO MY BEST ONE MORE TIME!

THAT WAS AMAZING! 3D MOVIES ARE LOTS OF FUN!
I DIDN'T KNOW A THING ABOUT THEM!

ESPECIALLY THE SHRIMP COMING OUT OF ITS SKIN!
YEAH, THAT WAS GREAT
THE FISH WERE CUTE, TOO
AND SO WAS THE SQUID!
3D MOVIES HAVE CAUGHT MY FANCY.
THANKS FOR INVITING ME
SURE
OH, THIS IS DELIGHT-FUL
MIYU'S HAVIN A LOT OF FUN, TOO.
THIS IS A SUPER FEELING BETWEEN US!
THIS IS LOVE!
LOOK AT THAT SMILE! SHE'S NOT SHY AT ALL AROUND TORU!

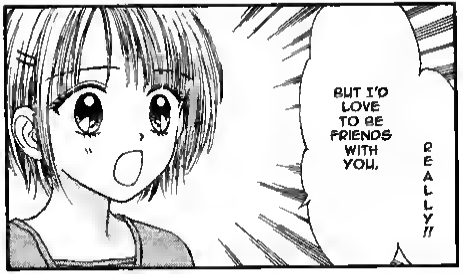
MIYU!!
I LOVE YOU!!
DIRECT

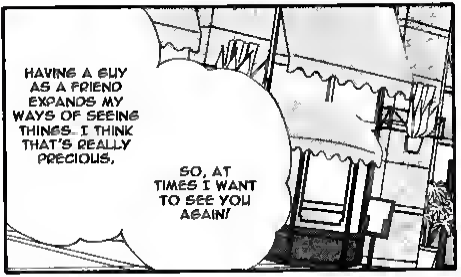
WILL YOU BE MY GIRLFRIEND?

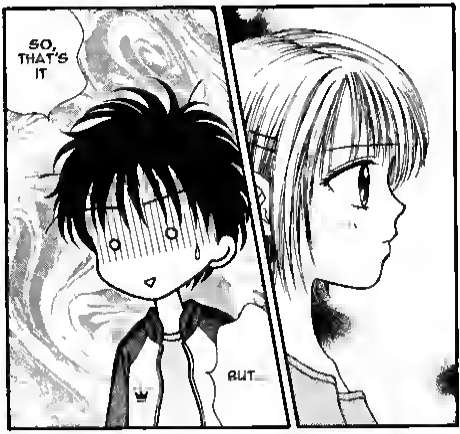
...

WHAT? NO WAY!
SHE'S TROUBLED?
...
WE CAN'T JUST BE A FRIEND?
WHY? WHY? THIS WAS A GREAT FEELING.
ISN'T IT OK?

SO, IT SEEMS LIKE I'M WITH NOEL.
I CAN TALK TO YOU REALLY EASILY.
YOUR VOICE AND YOUR PERSONALITY TOO.
IT'S NOT JUST YOUR LOOKS, BUT ALSO THE ATMOSPHERE...
TORU, YOU'RE JUST LIKE NOEL.
SHOSKI
TO ME, YOU'RE NOT A GUY AT ALL.







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TORU, YOU DON'T HAVE A "GIRL". DON'T YOU NEED ONE?
HUH!?
CAN'T YOU LOOK FOR ANOTHER GIRL TO DATE?
MAYBE I HAVE NO VALUE AS A FRIEND...
NO-
NO-THING LIKE THAT
THEN FROM NOW ON WILL YOU BE CLOSE FRIENDS WITH ME?
YEAH!!
REALLY!?
THAT'S A RELIEF! THANK YOU!

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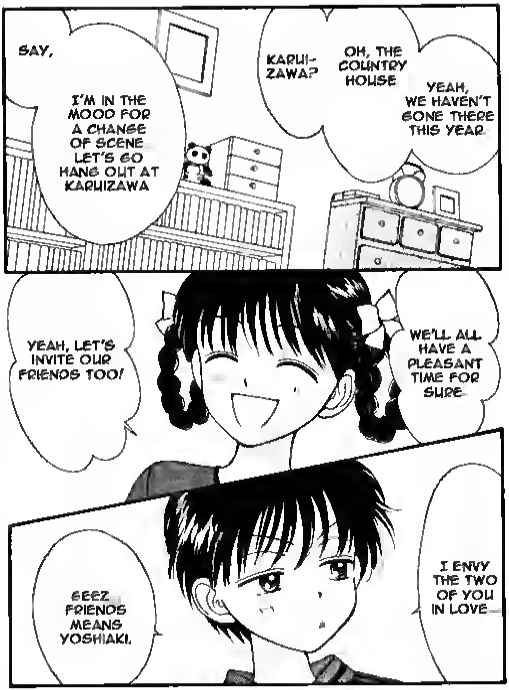
"YOU'RE JUST LIKE NOEL. TO ME YOU'RE NOT A GUY AT ALL"...
NOEL IS A GUY.
YOU ARE NOEL AFTER ALL.
... YOU POO THING
IF SHE'S FRIENDS EITHER WAY, I DIDN'T NEED TO DO THE "TORU" BIT AFTER ALL.
IT'S GOTTEN COMPLICATED, BUT...
YEAH,
BUT FRIENDSHIP CAN CHANGE INTO LOVE
DON'T GIVE UP AND DO YOUR BEST!
THAT'S IT!!!


SAY,
I'M IN THE MOOD FOR A CHANGE OF SCENE LET'S GO HANG OUT AT KARUIZAWA
KARUI-ZAWA?
OH, THE COUNTRY HOUSE
YEAH, WE HAVEN'T GONE THERE THIS YEAR.
YEAH, LET'S INVITE OUR FRIENDS TOO!
WE'LL ALL HAVE A PLEASANT TIME FOR SURE.
SEEZ FRIENDS MEANS YOSHIAKI.
I ENVY THE TWO OF YOU IN LOVE...
TEE HEE..
IT'S NO-THING TO LAUGH ABOUT.

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OOH,
IT'S A PRETTY COUNTRY HOUSE.
YOSHIAKI AND SASA CAN USE THE GUEST ROOMS OVER THERE.
NOEL AND I WILL USE THE BEDROOMS ON THE SECOND FLOOR.
OH MY, ISN'T THAT MT. ASAMA?
YES..
THE VIEW IS GREAT FROM HERE.

WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A LITTLE STROLL AROUND HERE
OK!!
THEY'RE DOING GREAT

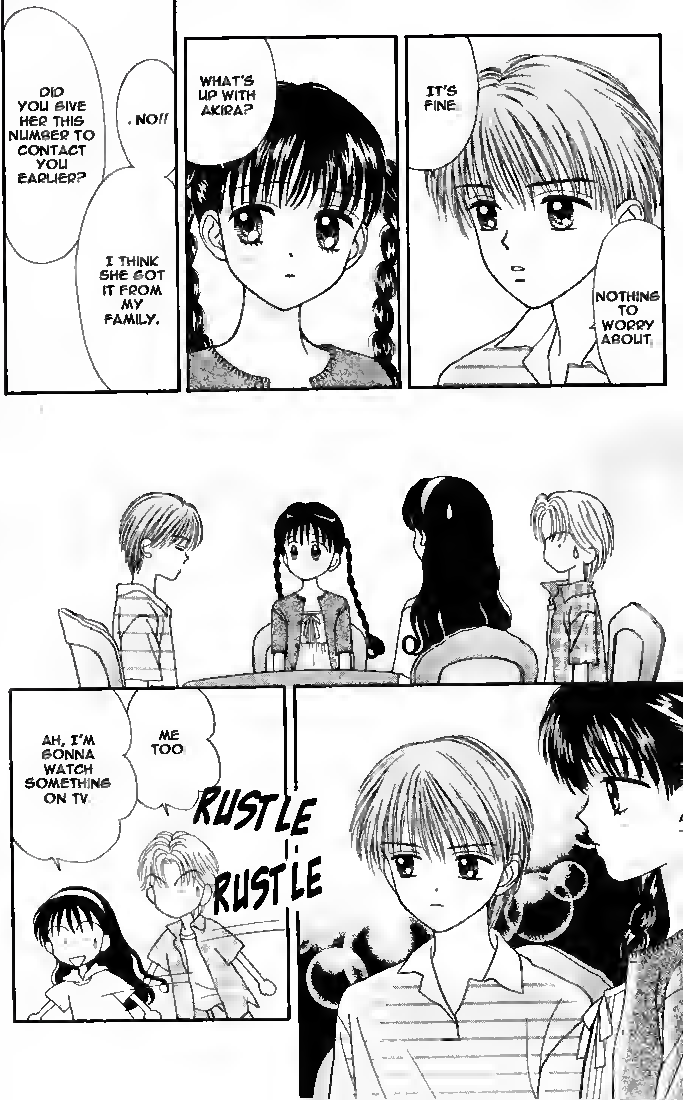
HEY, HELP ME OPEN THESE WINDOWS
OH, IT'S OK THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT, CAUSE THEY'RE IN LOVE
OH, THAT'S CHEATING! THERE'S LOTS TO DO AROUND HERE OPENING THE WINDOWS AND CLEANING
THEY WENT FOR A WALK.
WHERE'D THEY GO?
HUH!?
I WOULD HAVE BEEN HAPPY IF YOU'D INVITED MAKIMURA TOO.
DON'T SAY THAT SO LOUD...
I WASN'T PREPARED FOR 3 COUPLES.
3 COUPLES
YOU COULD HAVE INVITED HER AS TORU AND CAME THAT WAY
IF MAKIMURA AND TORU ARE A COUPLE .
NOPE. I GOT DUMPED.

BUT SHE DOESN'T SEE ME AS A GUY.
"CAUSE YOU'RE JUST LIKE NOEL"!
...
SHE SAID SHE WANTS TO BE CLOSE FRIENDS FROM NOW ON
NOW I REALLY UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELINGS THE TIME I SAID, "I WANT TO STAY FRIENDS AND KEEP SEEING EACH OTHER."
OH, I SEE!
BUT,
THAT TIME YOU SEPARATED AFTER THAT. BUT FOR ME, STAYING FRIENDS IS FINE.
SO I TOLD MIYU THAT I WANT TO CHAT AND GO PLACES WITH HER. THAT WAS A LITTLE STRANGE.
THE TIME I TOLD YOU, WAS IT DIFFERENT..
WELL, EVERY-ONE'S UNIQUE.
WELL, THE PATTERN OF FRIENDSHIP CHANGING TO LOVE DOES EXIST.
SO I'LL DO MY BEST!
...
OH, THAT PATTERN USUALLY DOESN'T WORK.
NO MALICE

YIPPIE
I WON AGAIN! I'M RICH...
RINNG!
WE'VE GOTTA EX-CHANGE TWO CARDS.
SHUSH, I GOT IT!!
HI, THIS IS MINAMINO
LET'S DO IT AGAIN
LOOK AT SASA, HE'S IN THE POORHOUSE! HURRY UP AND DEAL THE CARDS!
SHOOT

YOSHIAKI
IT'S AKIRA
HELLO

OH.
NO, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.
I CAN'T
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
SEE YA, I'M GETTING OFF.
SORRY ABOUT THAT

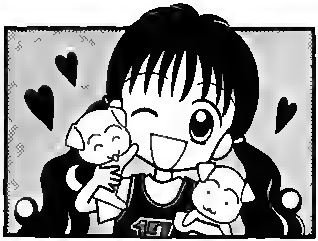

IT'S FINE.
NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
WHAT'S UP WITH AKIRA?
NO!!
I THINK SHE GOT IT FROM MY FAMILY.
DID YOU GIVE HER THIS NUMBER TO CONTACT YOU EARLIER?
ME TOO
AH, I'M GONNA WATCH SOMETHING ON TV
RUSTLE
RUSTLE

IT'S FINE
I THINK SHE'S PROBABLY LYING
SHE'S BEDRIDDEN WITH A FEVER
HER HEART'S GETTING WEAK, SO SHE ASKED ME TO COME..
THERE'S NOBODY AT HER PLACE?
MY BROTHER WAS AWAY FOR SEVERAL YEARS, SO HE DIDN'T TAKE CARE OF ME
NO
SO AKIRA AND I WERE ALWAYS TOGETHER
SO, SINCE WE WERE SMALL, WE ALWAYS HUNG OUT TOGETHER
AKIRA'S AN ONLY CHILD.
HER PARENTS ARE AWAY BUSY AT WORK A LOT

SURELY..
AKIRA HAS ALWAYS LOVED YOU SINCE ABOUT THEN...
NO...
THE REASON ISN'T THAT SHE LOVES ME.
BUT,
I WAS THE ONE WHO ALWAYS LOVED HER MORE.

I WAS THE ONE WHO ALWAYS LOVED HER MORE...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

SINCE I WAS LITTLE, I ALWAYS LOVED AKIRA.
LONG AGO, SHE WAS A KIND AND NICE GIRL.
BUT WHEN WE ENTERED MIDDLE SCHOOL...
SHE STARTED REALIZING SHE'S THE "TYPE THAT'S POPULAR WITH GUYS" BECAUSE OF THAT, AKIRA CHANGED.
IT SEEMED LIKE SHE ENJOYED WALKING WITH ALL SORTS OF GUYS.
SHE DIDN'T START DATING ANYONE.
THEY WERE ALL SPOILING HER.

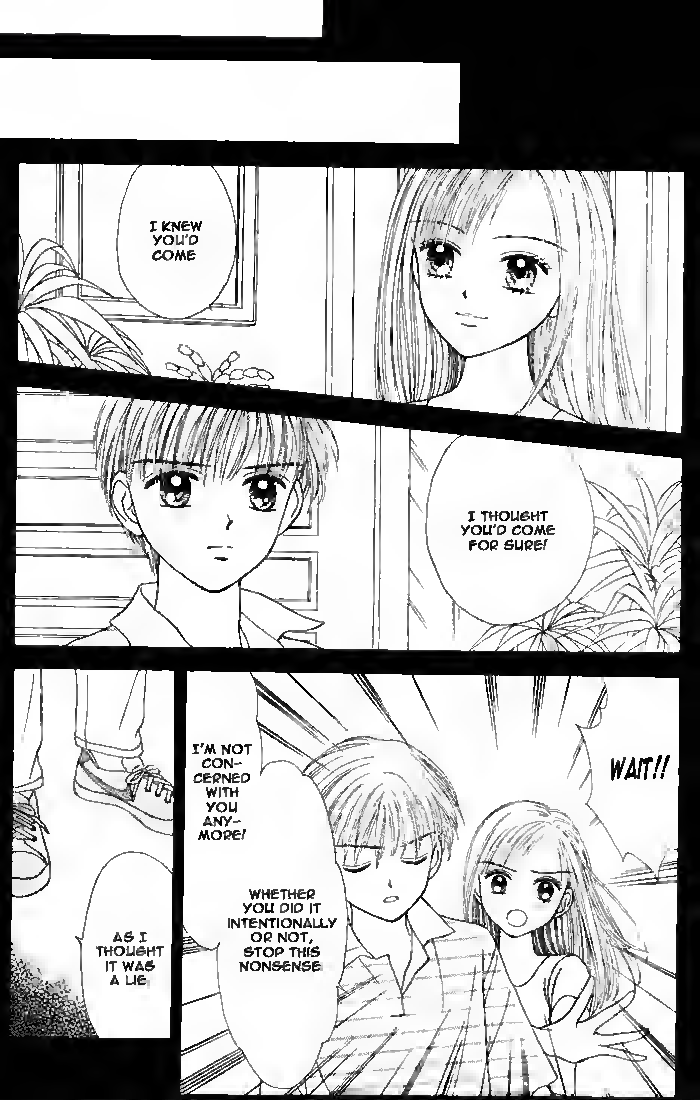


IN THE 3ND YEAR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, I CONFESSED TO HER AND WE STARTED DATING
SINCE THAT'S THE WAY I WAS UNDERSTANDING IT, I THOUGHT I WAS THE ONLY ONE...
AKIRA'S BEHAVIOR WAS PROBABLY BECAUSE HER PARENTS WERE BUSY. IF SHE GOT LOTS OF AFFECTION, I THOUGHT IT WAS NONE OF MY BUSIN
BUT ALL THE SAME, MY FEELINGS DIDN'T CHANGE.
I THOUGHT BEING ACCEPTED BY HER MEANT WE HAD A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP. BUT IT WAS NOTHING...
LOTS OF GUYS HAD THE SAME THING. I NOTICED THAT CLOSE TO A YEAR AGO
AT THE TIME, I WAS MESSED UP BY AKIRA'S SELFISHNESS.
SHE WAS STILL DATING LOTS OF GUYS
NO MATTER WHAT, SHE DIDN'T QUIT...
BUT I WAS THROUGH WITH HER.

AKIRA DIDN'T STOP ACCEPTING ME
BUT WANTING MY RETURN...
I TOLD HER I GOT A NEW GIRLFRIEND. SHE'S A LITTLE JEALOUS
BUT SHE'S NOT SERIOUS.
ANYWAY, NOW SHE'S JUST A CHILDHOOD FRIEND.
I THINK I SHOULD LET YOU GO SEE HER

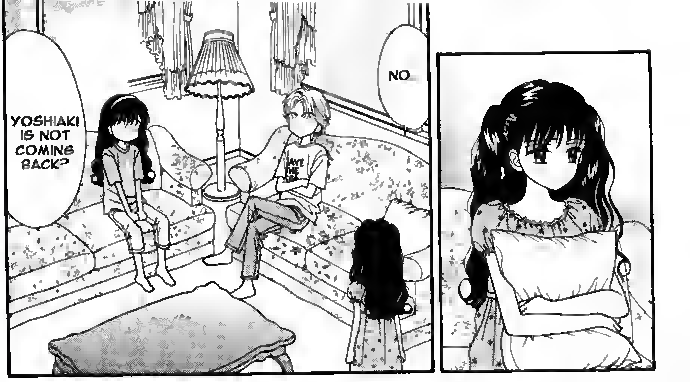
SHE DEPENDED ON YOU, SO SHE CALLED YOU...
IF YOU LEAVE NOW, I THINK YOU'LL GET TO YOUR PLACE ABOUT 10.
YOU'RE NOT DATING HER ANYMORE, BUT SHE'S STILL YOUR CHILDHOOD FRIEND. NATURALLY YOU'RE WORRIED.
YEAH...
BUT...
IF SHE REALLY HAS A FEVER, SHE MIGHT BE BEDRIDDEN.
AREN'T YOU WORRIED, YOSHIAKI?
...
IS IT OK?
I'M FINE...
SO I'LL LET YOU GO.
YEAH..

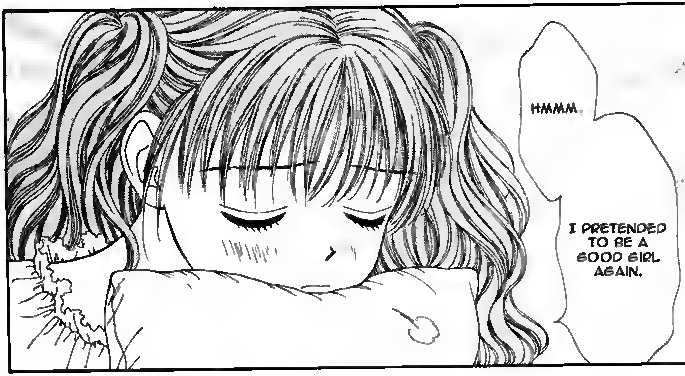
I'M REALLY SORRY.
NAH, DON'T WORRY.
BANG!
SURE, TAKE CARE
SEE YA. I'LL CALL YOU TOMMORROW MORNING.
...


I KNEW YOU'D COME
I THOUGHT YOU'D COME FOR SURE!
WAIT!!
I'M NOT CONCERNED WITH YOU ANYMORE!
WHETHER YOU DID IT INTENTIONALLY OR NOT, STOP THIS NONSENSE
AS I THOUGHT IT WAS A LIE

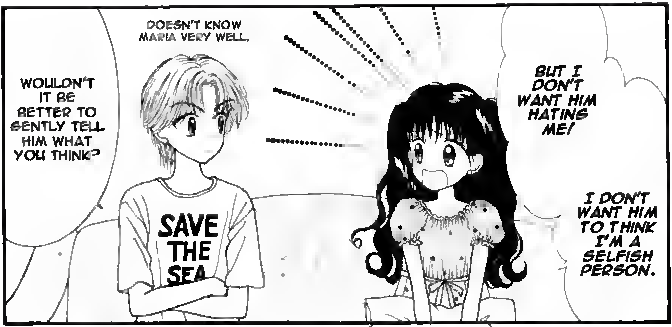
SO DON'T DO THINGS LIKE THAT ANYMORE!
PLEASE, WON'T YOU COME BACK?
DON'T YOU STILL LOVE ME?
ZASH!
YOSHI!!
BLAM!
RYS...

RIIING!
YES
YOSHI-AKI?
ZAS!
YOU'RE COMING HERE NOW? THAT'S OK. YOU DON'T NEED TO.
BUT YOU'RE EXHAUSTED AND YOU'D HAVE TO TAKE THE TRAIN TOO
BECAUSE WE'RE GOING BACK IN THE EARLY EVENING—
SURE,
YEAH, SEE YA.
SO,
IT WAS A LIE—
BUT I'M RELIEVED SHE'S NOT SICK

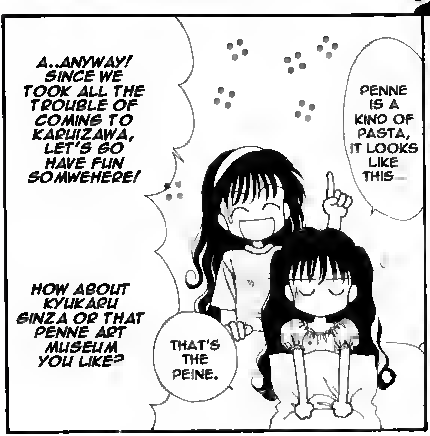

YOSHIAKI IS NOT COMING BACK?
NO.


HMMM.
I PRETENDED TO BE A GOOD GIRL AGAIN.

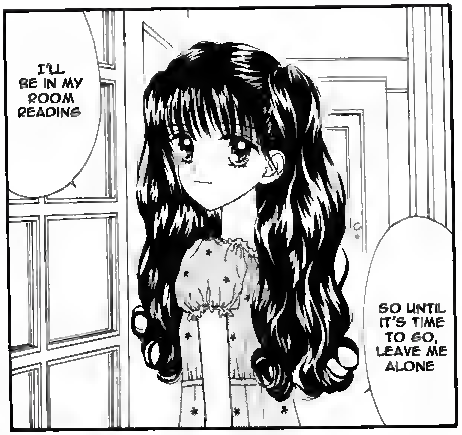
I REALLY DIDN'T WANT HIM TO GO SEE AKIRA FOR SURE
I JUST WANTED TO GO BACK TODAY ..
BUT I PRETENDED TO BE A SYMPATHETIC GOOD GIRL.

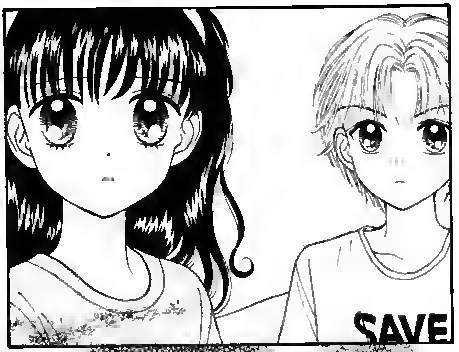

DOESN'T KNOW MARIA VERY WELL.
WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO GENTLY TELL HIM WHAT YOU THINK?
SAVE THE SEA
BUT I DON'T WANT HIM HATING ME!
I DON'T WANT HIM TO THINK I'M A SELFISH PERSON.

YOSHIAKI SHOULD LEAVE THE GIRL WHO LOVES GUY TOO MUCH ALONE.
AND THEY'VE ALREADY BROKEN UP—
YOU WERE LISTENING TO OUR TALK LAST NIGHT.
UMM, NO! WE COULD HEAR YOU. RIGHT!
UH... YEAH...
SAVE

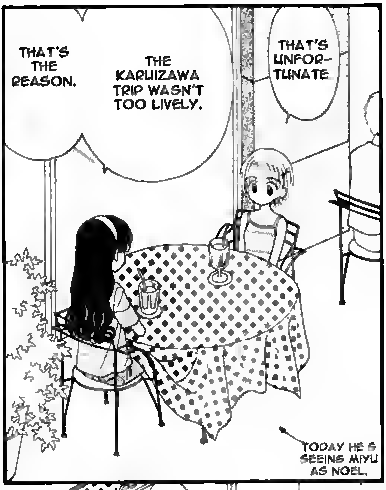

A..ANYWAY! SINCE WE TOOK ALL THE TROUBLE OF COMING TO KARUIZAWA, LET'S GO HAVE FUN SOMWEHERE!
HOW ABOUT KYUKARU GINZA OR THAT PENNE ART MUSEUM YOU LIKE?
THAT'S THE PEINE.
PENNE IS A KIND OF PASTA, IT LOOKS LIKE THIS—

SORRY, I DON'T FEEL LIKE GOING OUT
YOU TWO GO WHEREVER YOU WANT.


I'LL BE IN MY ROOM READING
SO UNTIL IT'S TIME TO GO, LEAVE ME ALONE


SAVE

Cafe Lapis


THAT'S THE REASON.
THE KARUIZAWA TRIP WASN'T TOO LIVELY.
THAT'S UNFORTUNATE
TODAY HE'S SEEING MIYU AS NOEL.

WELL, MARIA'S HAPPY CAUSE SHE'S GOING OUT ON A DATE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A WHILE.
I THINK TODAY SHE'LL HAVE MORE FUN THAN SHE HAD AT KARUIZAWA.
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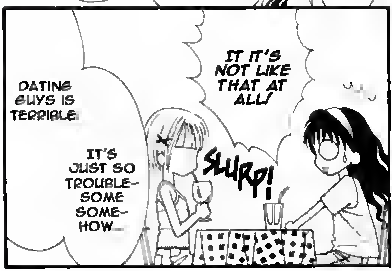
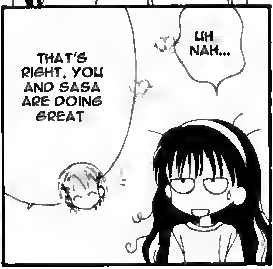

DATING GUYS IS TERRIBLE.
IT'S JUST SO TROUBLESOME SOMEHOW—
IT IT'S NOT LIKE THAT AT ALL!
SLURP!

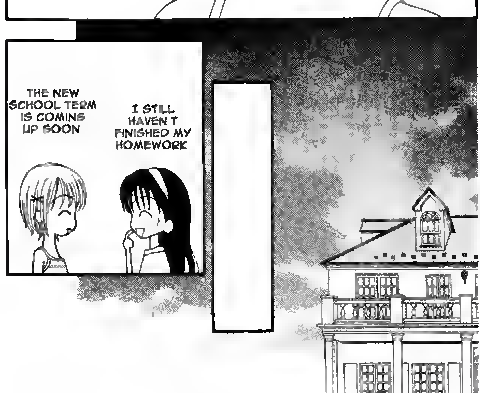

THAT'S RIGHT. YOU AND SASA ARE DOING GREAT
UH NAH...

REALLY STRAIGHT
SAY, HAS HE EVER KISSED YOU?
WE DID ONCE...
HONEST PERSON
UAHH..
YOU SHOULDN'T DIVE INTO THOSE MATTERS SO QUICKLY
PLEASE
BESIDES THAT, MIYU.
BECAUSE MIYU DOESN'T TALK ABOUT THIS, I'LL ASK HER.
YOU TURNED TORU DOWN.
UH YEAH..
YOU HEARD THAT FROM TORU...?
YEAH
CAUSE THAT'S THE REAL ME.
THERE'S NOTHING I DON'T LIKE ABOUT TORU, NOT A THING.
BUT I'M NOT READY TO DATE A GUY..
I'D RATHER HAVE A GIRL FRIEND

TORU FEELS LIKE ONE OF US, SO I CAN TALK TO HIM. SEEING HIM IS ENJOYABLE.
BUT IT'S TOO EARLY RIGHT NOW FOR BOYFRIEND AND GIRLFRIEND..
TOO EARLY RIGHT NOW!?
THEN YOU WISH TO BE IN THE FUTURE!?
YEAH, BUT I DON'T KNOW.
THEN IS THERE ANOTHER ONE THAT YOU LOVE—
OH, NO. NOT AT ALL.
SO THAT'S IT GREAT. GREAT.
I CAN SEE THE LIGHT OF HOPE!!
?
BUT I'M RUNNING AHEAD AGAIN. IT MAY NOT HAPEN
AH!
CALM DOWN, CALM DOWN!

STILL BEING FRIENDS FOR NOW IS OK.
BUT YOU'LL DO A U-TURN RIGHT TO TORU!
CAUSE HE'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU!

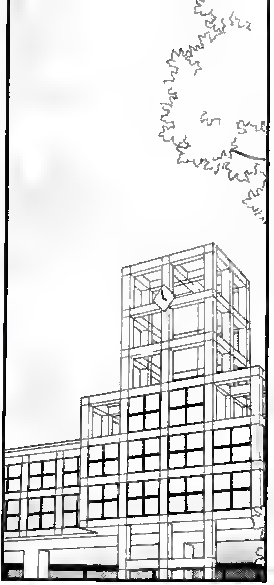
YEAH

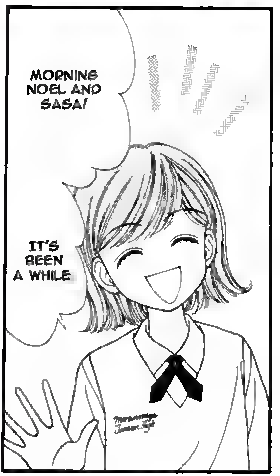

THE NEW SCHOOL TERM IS COMING UP SOON
I STILL HAVEN'T FINISHED MY HOMEWORK

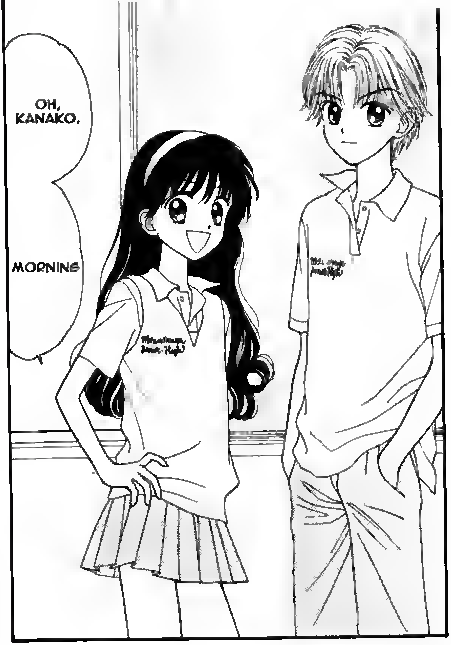
UUHH...
WHAT HAPPENED, YOU HAD A DATE, RIGHT?
SHE'S IN VERY LOW SPIRITS AGAIN..
DID YOU HAVE A FIGHT WITH YOSHIAKI?
WE HAD A DATE.
DURING THE DATE, AKIRA CALLED HIM ON HIS CELL-PHONE TWICE
WHAT THE HELL!?

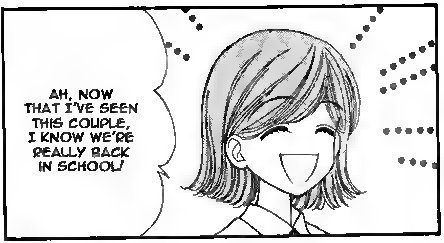
WHY DIDN'T YOU GET ON THE CELLPHONE AND YELL "DON'T BOTHER US"!!
I CAN'T DO THAT...
HAVE YOU CLAIMED YOSHIAKI YET!?
HE DIDN'T TEACH HIS OLD GIRLFRIEND ANY MANNERS!!
I PRETENDED NOT TO WORRY.
I SMILED A LOT...
IT WASN'T YOSHIAKI'S FAULT.
BUT WHATEVER I SAID, I WAS REALLY WORRIED.
ALL RIGHT, I'M OFF TO HAVE A WORD WITH YOSHIAKI
AND AKIRA TOO!!
DON'T GO, NOEL. STOP!!
....
I'M OK
BECAUSE I CAN ENDURE THIS.

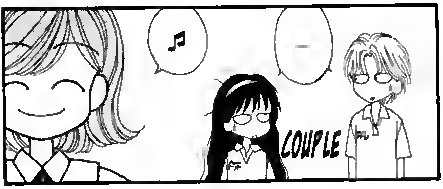
MARIA.




MORNING NOEL AND SASA!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE


OH, KANAKO.
MORNING

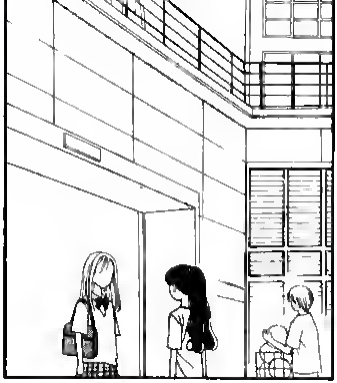

AH, NOW THAT I'VE SEEN THIS COUPLE, I KNOW WE'RE REALLY BACK IN SCHOOL!


COUPLE

HEY.
HOW HAVE THEY BEEN DOING SINCE OUR TRIP?
MARIA AND YOSHIAKI
HMM.
THEY'RE ALWAYS HAVING FUN CALLING EACH OTHER STILL. THEY'RE ON GOOD TERMS.
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THE AKIRA PROBLEM HASN'T BEEN SOLVED YET.
MARIA GETS DEPRESSED SOMETIMES SO I'M WORRIED..
WHO CARES.
I THINK HE STILL HAS A CHANCE
BY THE WAY, TORU AND MIYU HAVE A GOOD FRIENDSHIP AS FRIENDS.
BAM!
BAM!
BAM!
BAM!
SAY.

CAN YOU GET MINAMINO MARIA?
THE GIRLS' BASKETBALL CLUB FOR ME?
SAVE THE SEA
YEAH...
OH, WAIT!
YOU'RE SO COOL.
SASA JUST TURNS AWAY
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
ZIS!
HEY.
HUH, HE'S NOT TOO COURTEOUS.

YOU HAVE A VISITOR
SAVE
IT'S PROBABLY AKIRA.
Red
SHALL I COME WITH YOU.
OR SHOULD I GET NOEL INSTEAD?
MAYBE HE'S IN THE CLUB LOCKER ROOM
NO, YOU DON'T HAVE TO. I'M NOT A KID ANYMORE
BUT THANKS ANYWAY.
I WORRY BECAUSE YOU'RE NOEL'S TWIN.
NOEL'S YOUR FIRST PRIORITY.
ACTUALLY, YOU STILL LOVE HIM.
I KNOW HE'S A GUY, BUT MY FEELINGS HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT!
THAT'S FRIENDSHIP. QUIT JOKING LIKE THAT
JUST KIDDING
THEN, I'M GOING.
Red
CONTINUE



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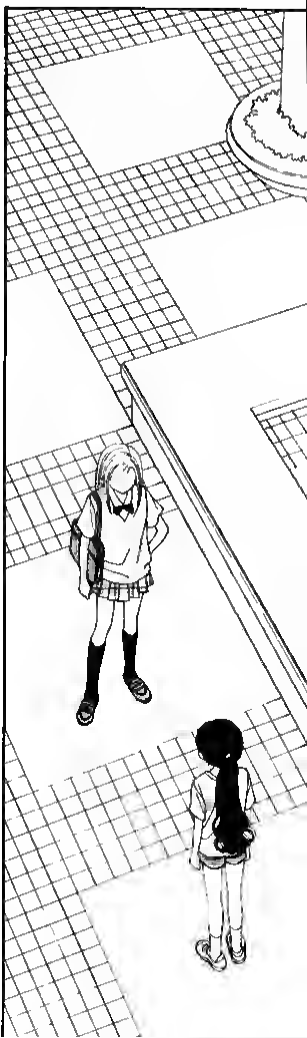
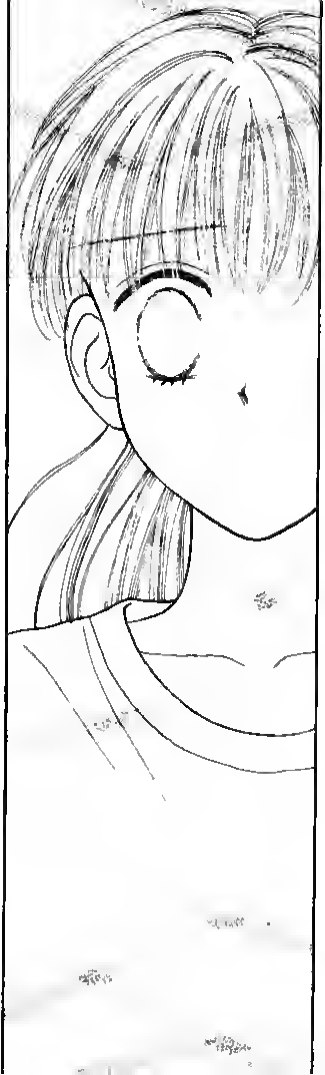
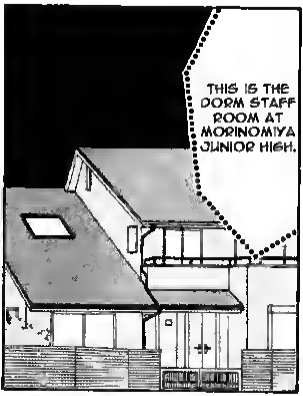


IT'S SETTING ABOUT TIME
RETURN YOSHIAKI TO ME
PLEASE DON'T SAY HE BELONGS TO YOU.
Red
I WAS THE ONE WHO CHOSE YOSHIAKI
WHO DO YOU THINK I CHOSE?
ARE YOU SERIOUS?
YOU AND YOSHIAKI HAVE ONLY KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR A LITTLE WHILE
WE'VE BEEN TOGETHER FOR 15 YEARS!

YOSHIAKI THINKS HE'S NOT IMPORTANT TO ME AT ALL, BUT IT'S NOT LIKE THAT.
I PLAY AROUND WITH OTHER GUYS,
BUT YOSHIAKI'S REALLY .. SPECIAL.
I NEED HIM..
BUT,
I HAD THE CONFIDENCE YOSHIAKI WOULDN'T LEAVE ME.
SO I SORT OF IGNORED HIM
I REGRET THAT.

I SAID SO MANY SELFISH THINGS
SO HE'S EXHAUSTED,
SO,
HE WAS LOOKING FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU WHO WOULD LISTEN TO WHATEVER HE SAID AND RUN OFF WITH HER
HE WAS JUST LOOKING FOR YOUR TYPE OF GIRL. IT DIDN'T HAVE TO BE YOU. HE WOULD HAVE BEEN HAPPY WITH ANYONE




THIS IS THE DORM STAFF ROOM AT MORINOMIYA JUNIOR HIGH.

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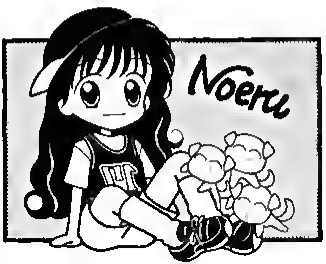
MINAMINO NOEL, PLEASE.
PLEASE WAIT...

TU-TUM!
TU-TUM!
SORRY FOR THE WAIT.
THIS IS THE GUYS' DORM, SO PLEASE CALL THE GIRLS' DORM INSTEAD.
THEIR NUMBER IS...
...
HUH!?
TULLT... TULLT... TULLT...
THE GIRLS' DORM?
WHY...?

AH, HELLO
IS THIS THE TACHIHARA RESIDENCE?
THIS IS MINAMINO, IS KARIN..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NOEL!?
OH, KARIN!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE!
WE PROMISED WE'D SEE EACH OTHER, BUT THERE WASN'T A CHANCE AND SUMMER VACATION'S ALREADY OVER.
I WONDERED HOW ARE YOU ARE DOING?
I CALLED YOU TOO.
I LOOKED UP THE DORM'S PHONE NUMBER.
OH, REALLY?
I WONDER IF I WAS IN...
BY THE WAY...
THEY TOLD ME TO CALL THE GIRLS' DORM INSTEAD.

OH NO!
SHUUU!
THIS IS SO EMBAR-ASSING AND AKWARD.
UMMM
NO.
THAT'S CAUSE
REALLY BAD TIMING..
DIDN'T THEY MISTAKE YOU FOR MARIA?
YOU'RE A GUY, NOEL. BUT SURELY THE DORM STAFF FORSOT THAT!
AH... UH,
DON'T BOTHER.
YEAH...
I'LL REMIND THE GIRLS' DORM ABOUT THAT.
THERE'S NO REASON TO.
THE DORM STAFF MAKES MISTAKES NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT.
I THOUGHT ABOUT ASKING TO LEAVE THE MESSAGE WITH MARIA BUT..

IS THAT SO!
ANYWAY I'M RELIEVED THAT IT WAS EASY!
I'M SO RELIEVED!!
UH, YEAH ?
SO, LET'S SEE EACH OTHER
SURE, SUNDAY!
1 O'CLOCK IS OK BY ME!
OH, FROM NOW ON CALL MY CEL PHONE THE NUMBER IS
GOT IT. SO YOU BOUGHT ONE. I'VE WANTED ONE MYSELF
SEE YA..!
LAK!
OH,
THAT WAS CLOSE...
4 4 4H!

BUT SOMEHOW THINGS WORKED OUT.
THAT'S A RELIEF...
OH, YOU'RE MAKING A PHONE CALL TOO?
MIYU..
NAH, I'M FINISHED. GO AHEAD!
ALL YOURS
MIYU'S CALLING TOO
I WONDER WHO.
BRR... BRR...
ULF!

SHE COULDN'T BE!?
SHIT!
RIIING! RIIING!
BAM!
ZASH!
HI, THIS IS TORU!
AH, TORU!
THIS IS MAKIMURA.

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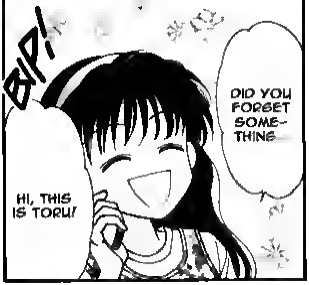
SUNDAY'S NO GOOD.
I'VE GOT A PREVIOUS ENGA-GEMENT...
YOU DO?
THEN NEXT WEEK...
AH..... WAIT A MINUTE!!
THIS IS A RARE CHANCE FOR A DATE.
I DON'T WANT TO POSTPONE IT FIRST...!?
THAT'LL BE FINE!
IF WE CAN DO IT A LITTLE LATER,
I'LL WORK SOMETHING OUT!
SURE.
SEE YA AT 3 O'CLOCK!
SURE. GOT IT.
SEE YA!
BIP!
UUF!
RIIING!



KA KARIN!!
WHAT!? NO WAY, I DION'T SAY THAT YOU HEARD ME WRONG!
IT'S NOEL, ISN'T IT?
YES, I DID!
THAT'S RIGHT!
JUST NOW, YOU SAID TORU...
SO WHAT'S UP? ABOUT SUNDAY?

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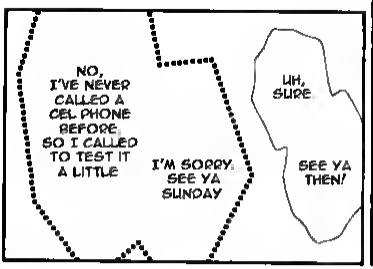
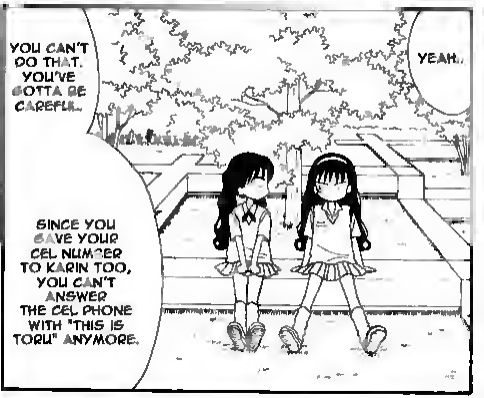

NO, I'VE NEVER CALLED A CEL PHONE BEFORE, SO I CALLED TO TEST IT A LITTLE
I'M SORRY, SEE YA SUNDAY
UH, SURE
SEE YA THEN!

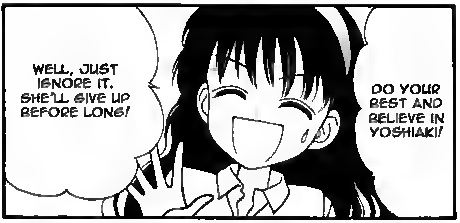
"UUF!

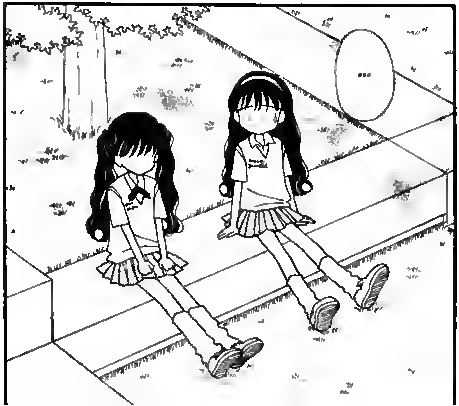

YOU CAN'T DO THAT. YOU'VE GOTTA BE CAREFUL.
YEAH.
SINCE YOU GAVE YOUR CEL NUMBER TO KARIN TOO, YOU CAN'T ANSWER THE CEL PHONE WITH "THIS IS TORU" ANYMORE.

I'VE GOT TO CUT MY EVERYDAY PHONE OFF... AND GET AN ANSWERING MACHINE SERVICE
AND IF I ANSWER "NOEL", MIYU COULD FIND OUT. THIS IS AKWARD COMPLETELY RECOVERING FROM THIS WILL BE A BIT OF A PROBLEM...
AND IF KARIN CALLS WHILE MIYU IS THERE, THAT'LL BE TROUBLING

SOMEHOW, THERE ARE RAPIDLY MORE THINGS YOU HAVE TO PAY ATTENTION TO
...
THE LIES ARE PILING UP RAPIDLY TOO...
I WONDER HOW LONG I CAN KEEP DOING THESE RIDICULUS THINGS...
NOEL...
OH WELL!!
ANYWAY, SUNDAY I'VE GOT A DATE WITH MIYU
♥
INO-CEN-TE
...

BUT WILL THIS WORK OUT? YOU'RE DOUBLE BOOKING
IT'LL BE FINE. I DON'T WANT TO DELAY SEEING EITHER OF THEM.
THE TWO PLACES ARE CLOSE BY.
IF IT LOOKS LIKE THE ARRANGEMENT WITH KARIN TO TALK IS GOING LONG, WE CAN TALK AGAIN ON ANOTHER DAY.
HOW ARE THINGS GOING WITH YOU?
OK...
I'VE ALSO GOT A PROMISE WITH YOSHIAKI FOR SUNDAY.
RECENTLY AKIRA CAME TO YOUR BASKETBALL CLUB, DIDN'T SHE!?
I HEARD ABOUT IT FROM SASA.
WHAT DID SHE SAID?
...
AH, SHE'S NOT TALKING.





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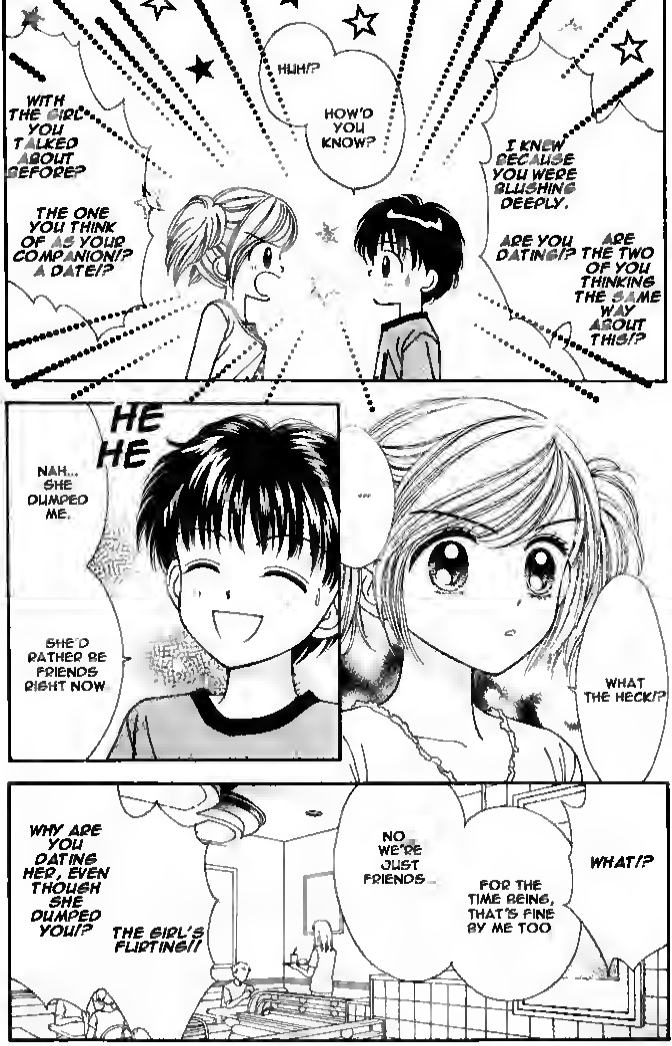
SORRY... WERE YOU WAITING?
UMMM, WHERE SHOULD WE GO!?
FOR NOW, HOW ABOUT SOME TEA?

IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, OVER THERE
EI MA-RIA ...!?

MISS DONUT
SO, KARIN.
WHAT'S UP?
...
DON'T BRING UP THE MAIN SUBJECT FIRST.
I'M NOT READY...
OH, IS THAT SO?

SAY, THIS IS JUST A SUGGE-STION,
BUT HOW ABOUT TAKING A STROLL AROUND HERE AND SEEING A MOVIE BEFORE WE TALK? WE HAVEN'T SEEN EACH OTHER IN A WHILE
HUH!?
I KNOW NOEL HAS SOMEONE ELSE BUT IF I CONFESS TO HIM, THERE'S A GREAT POSSIBILITY HE'LL FAVOR ME. OF COURSE, I INTENDED TO STICK IT OUT, BUT...
BUT BEFORE THAT, I WANT TO HAVE A LITTLE DATE AND GET IN THE MOOD FOR IT
OH, SORRY..
I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME TODAY
I'VE PROMISED TO SEE SOMEONE AT 3 O'CLOCK...
SHIIN


HUH!?
HOW'D YOU KNOW?
I KNEW BECAUSE YOU WERE BLUSHING DEEPLY.
WITH THE GIRL YOU TALKED ABOUT BEFORE?
THE ONE YOU THINK OF AS YOUR COMPANION!? A DATE!?
ARE YOU DATING!?
ARE THE TWO OF YOU THINKING THE SAME WAY ABOUT THIS!?
HE HE
NAH... SHE DUMPED ME.
SHE'D RATHER BE FRIENDS RIGHT NOW.
...
WHAT THE HECK!?
WHY ARE YOU DATING HER, EVEN THOUGH SHE DUMPED YOU!?
THE GIRL'S FLIRTING!!
NO, WE'RE JUST FRIENDS...
FOR THE TIME BEING, THAT'S FINE BY ME TOO
WHAT!?

GRRR!
KA.. KARIN.. CALM DOWN!
THAT'S RIDICOULUS! I CAN'T FORGIVE HER!
YOU'RE BEING A FOOL! SHE'S MAKING A FOOL OUT OF YOU!!
THAT GIRL'S NO GOOD FOR YOU.
BECAUSE I'VE LOVED YOU FOR A LONG TIME!!
I'LL GET YOU AWAY FROM HER!!

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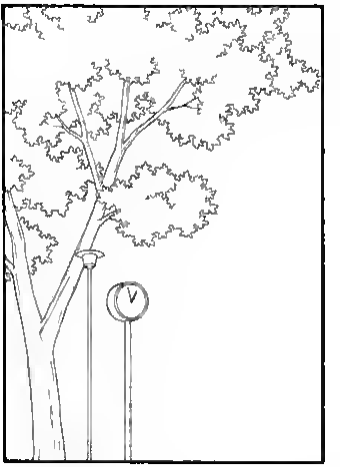
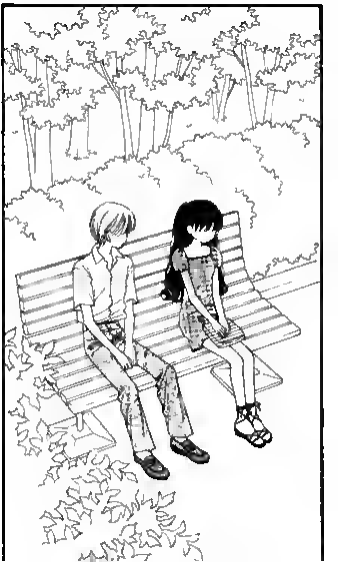
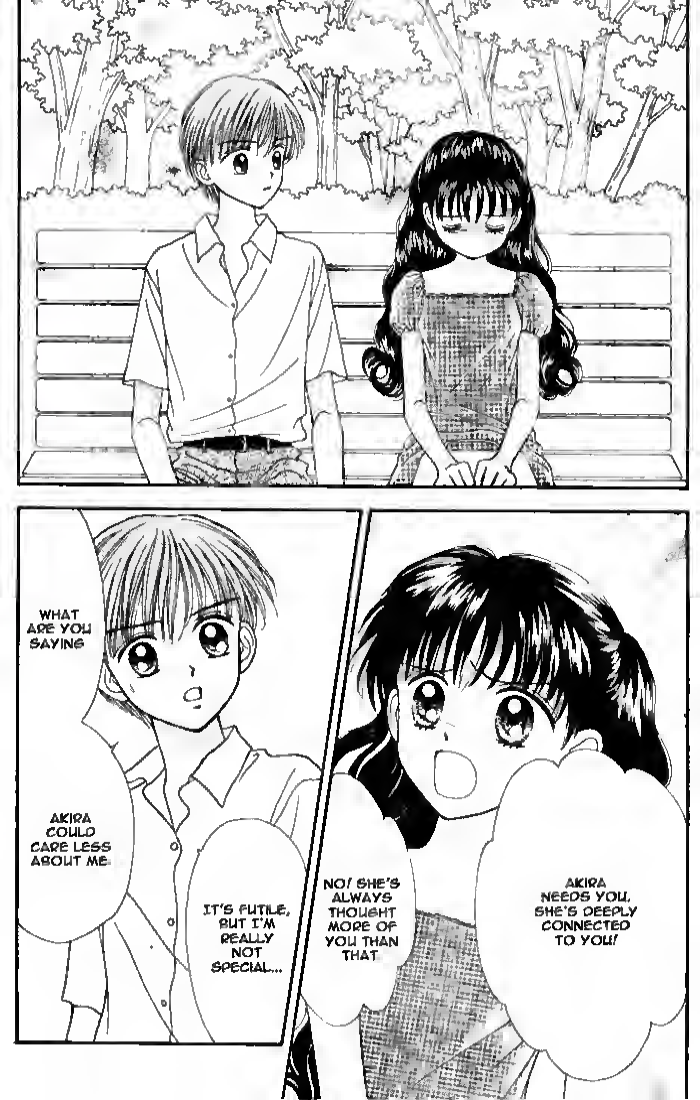




DID YOU CALM DOWN?
YES.
I'M SORRY.
WHY ON EARTH WERE YOU CRYING?
WHAT HAPP-ENED?
YOSHIAKI
IS YOUR DATING ME DIFFERENT THAN WHAT AKIRA TOLD ME?
A GIRL WHO WOULD LISTEN TO ANYTHING YOU SAID?
WOULD YOU BE HAPPY WITH ANYONE OF MY TYPE!?

AKIRA SAID THAT!?
SHE SAID THAT STUFF...
I HEARD IT FROM HIROBE.
HE SAID THAT HE ENVIED ME BECAUSE YOSHIAKI LOVES ONLY ME SO MUCH.
THAT WAS BECAUSE YOU WERE MESSED UP BY AKIRA.
SO YOU WERE GETTING TIRED OF THAT...
THAT'S WHY THE FIRST TIME YOU MET ME, YOU ASKED ME FOR A DATE...
I'M SURE AT THE BEGINNING, I FELT LIKE THAT A LITTLE.
BUT NOW, IT'S NOT LIKE THAT I LOVE YOU PERSONALLY MARIA
YOU'RE NOT JUST ANYONE!

THANKS
THAT'S RIGHT
NOW YOU THINK YOU LOVE ME THE BEST...
THAT'S RIGHT!
BUT THAT'S IT FOR ME
GO BACK TO AKIRA..!


WHAT ARE YOU SAYING
AKIRA COULD CARE LESS ABOUT ME.
IT'S FUTILE, BUT I'M REALLY NOT SPECIAL...
NO! SHE'S ALWAYS THOUGHT MORE OF YOU THAN THAT.
AKIRA NEEDS YOU. SHE'S DEEPLY CONNECTED TO YOU!

IF I GO WITH YOU, YOSHIAKI
AKIRA WILL BLAME ME AND I'LL FEEL BAD
I WORRY SOMEDAY YOU'LL GO BACK TO HER FOR LOTS OF REASONS
I HAVE TO PUT UP
WITH ALL OF THIS
...
I'M SORRY!!
WORRYING ABOUT AKIRA HAS BEEN REALLY STRESSFUL FOR YOU
SORRY THAT I DIDN'T NOTICE
YOU WEREN'T SHOWING ANY SIGNS OF IT
DON'T JUST PUT UP WITH IT.
TELL ME EVERYTHING.
I'LL PROTECT YOU FROM AKIRA FOR SURE!

I'M SORRY...
I'M EXHA-USTED...
I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANYMORE
I'M SO SORRY.

KARIN.
WAIT UP!
WAIT!!
YOU SAID THE MEETING TIME WAS 3 O'CLOCK AT TOWER RECORDS.
THIS IS A LITTLE EARLY, BUT I'M GOING TO SEE HER!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO!
I'LL TALK TO THIS GIRL DIRECTLY, I'M USED TO THAT
I'LL MAKE HER STOP PLAYING AROUND WITH YOU!
¡OH, NO!
STOP, THAT'LL MAKE THINGS WORSE!!
OH, WHY DID I TELL HER THE MEETING PLACE I'M A FOOL, IT JUST CAME OUT

I'M REALLY HAPPY ABOUT HOW YOU FEEL.
I'M SORRY, BUT THE ONE THAT I LOVE IS...
I REALLY AM!!
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NO WAY!! I WON'T ACCEPT IT!!
SKA-RIN!
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I SAID THAT'LL MAKE THINGS WORSE
WHY CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND ME
THAT'S IT. IF THIS THE WAY IT'LL BE,
I DON'T KNOW YOU!
GOOD BYE!!
AH

WAIT!!
I DON'T WANT YOU GETTING MAD!!
SWAK!
BUT THIS IS VEXING...
CAUSE I'VE LOVED YOU FOR A LONG TIME, MORE THAN THAT GIRL.
CAUSE I LOVE YOU...

DON'T CRY KARIN.
I'M SORRY.
DON'T CRY..
UMM, HANKERCHIEF..

MIYU.
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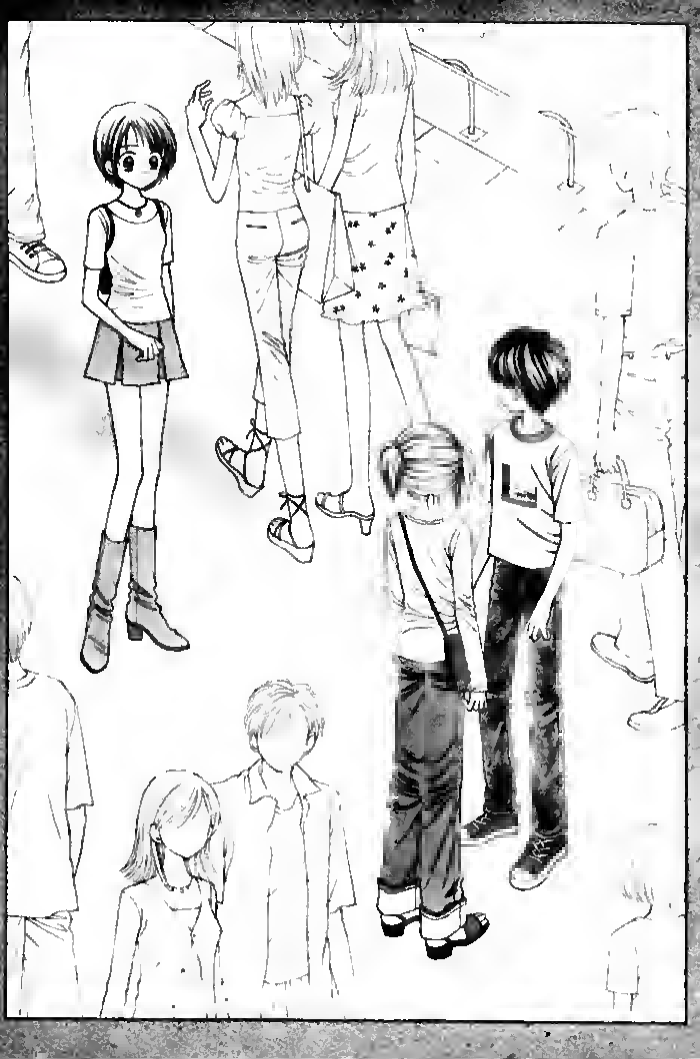

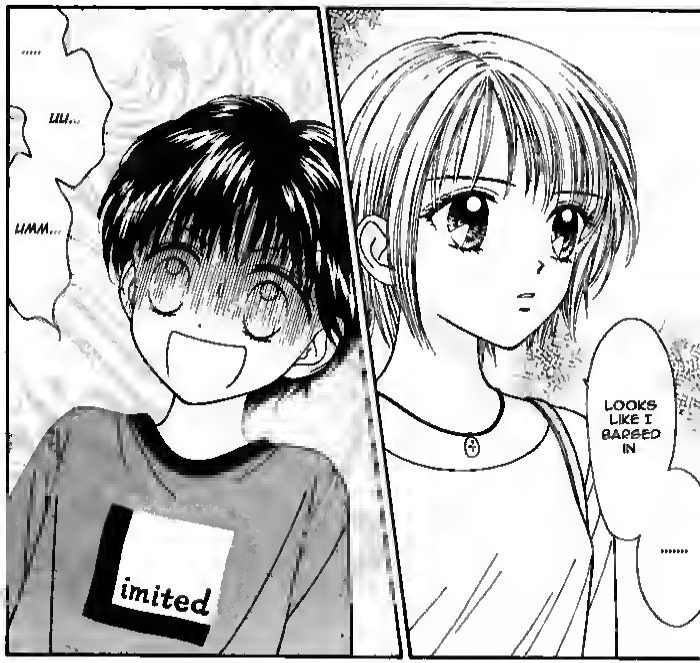
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LIMM...
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LOOKS LIKE I BARGED IN
.....

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SO LET'S SEE THE MOVIE NEXT TIME
I DON'T NEED TO SEE IT TODAY.
WHAT..!?
SEE YA, TORU.
WA... WAIT!!
MIYU!!
I ESCAPED BEING FIGURED OUT..?
BUT I'VE GOT TO DEAL WITH THIS.
KARIN! WAIT HERE A MINUTE.
WHAT..!?
I'VE GOT TO STOP MIYU.
NO WAY!!
DON'T GO!!!

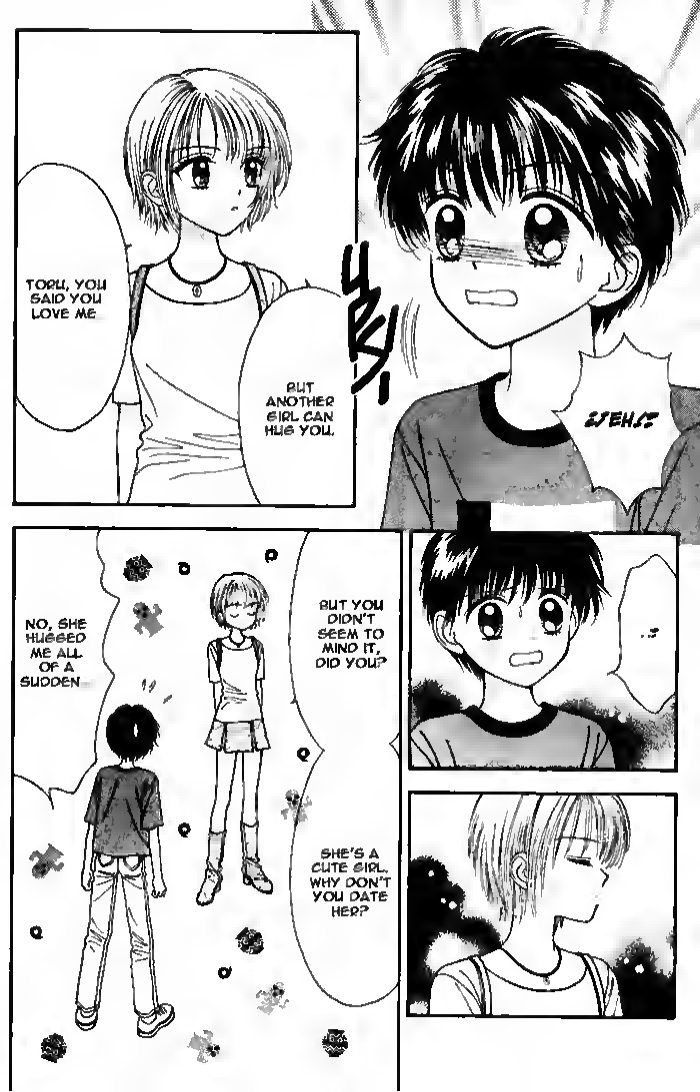
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
SO WAIT!!
OK!!
...

MIYU!!
WAIT!!
LET'S SEE THAT MOVIE
I WAS REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO IT!
BUT THAT GIRL...
SHE'S MY FRIEND.
I PROMISED TO SEE HER AT 1 O'CLOCK, BUT OUR CONVERSATION WENT INTO OVERTIME
I'M GOING BACK TO SET UP CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION. SO CAN YOU WAIT HERE FOR 5 OR 10 MINUTES?
I SEE YOU!!

...
OK THEN.
THANK YOU...
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
SORRY ABOUT THIS!!
BA-BUM BA-BUM
BA-BUM BA-BUM
¡QUÉ POCA GENTE HAY AQUÍ.
¡UAH!
¡QUÉ LE PASA A BOTE HOY?
UN MOMENTO DE ANSIEDAD.

EH!?
KARIN

HOW DID IT GO WITH HER?
SHE WASN'T THERE.
LOOKS LIKE SHE WENT HOME.
I SEE..


TORU, YOU SAID YOU LOVE ME.
BUT ANOTHER GIRL CAN HUG YOU.
YES!
EHE!
BUT YOU DIDN'T SEEM TO MIND IT, DID YOU?
NO, SHE HUGGED ME ALL OF A SUDDEN...
SHE'S A CUTE GIRL. WHY DON'T YOU DATE HER?

YOU COULDN'T BE ANGRY?
WHY?
BUT YOU JUST THINK OF ME AS A FRIEND.
IT'S OK IF I HUG OR DATE SOMEONE...
...
I'M INTERFERING AND I'VE GOT NO RIGHT TO...
I'M SORRY.
THAT'S RIGHT.
BECAUSE YOU CAN DO AS YOU PLEASE.

NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT
I DIDN'T WANT AN APOLOGY!
DIDN'T YOU GET ANGRY BECAUSE THAT WAS UNPLEASANT FOR YOU?
YOU DON'T LIKE ME HAVING ANOTHER GIRL,
DO YOU?
BLUSH...

...
I REALLY DON'T UNDER-STAND
BUT,
WHEN I SAW YOU TWO HUGGING EARLIER, IT WAS REALLY UNPLEASANT.
SOME-THING CAME FROM MY HEAD.
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I JUST NOTICED IT NOW.
I...
I DON'T WANT TO BE FRIENDS.
TORU, I....
MIYU, WHAT'S NEXT!?
SAY IT CLEARLY. IF YOU SAY IT TOO FAST, I'LL BE TROUBLED.
WHAT ABOUT ME!?
...LOVE YOU

YES
I'M SO HAPPY!
MIYU RAN INTO KARIN AND I IT LOOKED LIKE MY SECRET WAS GONNA COME OUT IT WAS A REALLY BIG PINCH FOR ME
THANKS TO KARIN'S GOING HOME, IT WORKED OUT REALLY GREAT WITH MIYU
WHAT A COME FROM BEHIND!! IT'S GREAT!!
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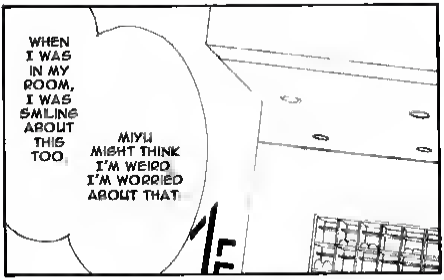
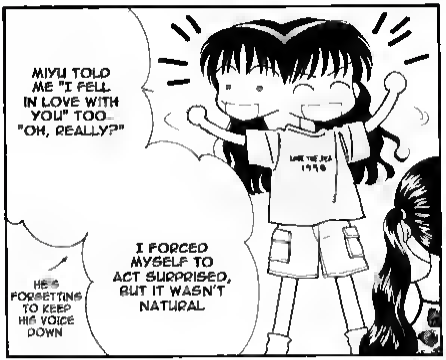
I'M HAPPY FOR YOU, NOEL.
CONGRATULATIONS.


WHEN I WAS IN MY ROOM, I WAS SMILING ABOUT THIS TOO.
MIYU MIGHT THINK I'M WEIRD. I'M WORRIED ABOUT THAT.


MIYU TOLD ME "I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU" TOO. "OH, REALLY?"
I FORCED MYSELF TO ACT SURPRISED, BUT IT WASN'T NATURAL.
HE'S FORGETTING TO KEEP HIS VOICE DOWN

I... BROKE UP WITH YOSHIAKI.

WHAT?
I TOLD HIM GOOD-BYE.
CAUSE I'M TIRED OF AKIRA I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE
IT CAN'T BE...
I LOVE YOSHIAKI SO MUCH
I CAN'T PUT UP WITH AKIRA ANYMORE, SO I RAN AWAY.
I DON'T HAVE ANY GUTS LEFT.

YOSHIAKI WILL GO BACK TO AKIRA FOR SURE.
RIGHT NOW, HE DOESN'T LIKE HER, BUT HE CAN'T GET RID OF HER.
I THINK HE HASN'T GIVEN UP, BECAUSE HE'S BEEN WITH HER SINCE THEY HAVE BEEN LITTLE.
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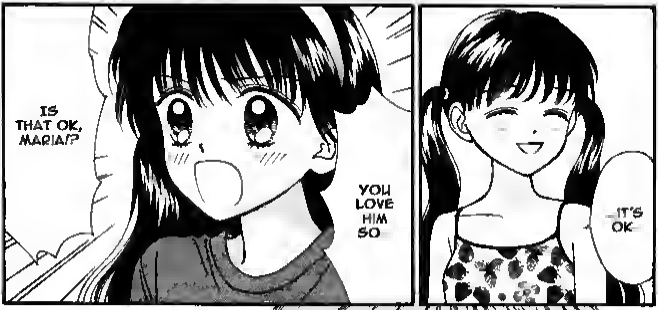
IS THAT OK, MARIA!?
YOU LOVE HIM SO
—IT'S OK—

I'M REALLY SORROW-FUL, BUT...
IT'S GOOD TO BE SAD ABOUT THIS AND THAT.
I'M RELIEVED
SO I'M REALLY FINE—

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REALLY?
THOSE TWO BROKE UP?
THAT'S RIGHT.
AT GREAT PAINS, AND JUST WHEN MIYU AND I ARE FINDING TRUE LOVE.
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE SHE'S REALLY RELIEVED.
SHE'S OVER BEING DEPRESSED ABOUT AKIRA, AND SHE'S CHEERED UP.
REALLY? I BET YOU'RE RELIEVED.
WELL...
ANYWAY, THIS IS ABOUT MIYU.
WHEN SHE WAS JEALOUS OF KARIN, IT LOOKS LIKE SHE REALIZED SHE LOVES ME
COME ON, THAT'S THE HUNDREDTH TIME I'VE HEARD THAT!!
OCTUPUS EARPLUGS

IT'S OK, NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU HEAR IT.
ISN'T IT A GOOD STORY?
WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT IT?
COME ON, IT'S ALL YOU'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT FOR 3 DAYS. SO YOU SHOULD CALM DOWN SOON!
OH BUT.
MARIA?
THIS IS "AKIRA"
...

YOU BROKE UP WITH YOSHIAKI FOR ME? THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
I'LL TAKE CARE OF HIM FOR SURE, SO DON'T WORRY.

...
YOUR BOY-FRIEND'S THE GUY FROM BASKET-BALL.

YOU GOT ANOTHER GUY RIGHT AWAY.
LOOKS LIKE YOU GOT A GOOD ONE TOO.

OH, SHUT UP YOU BABA.
SOME-THING...? UMMM... UMM...
COME ON, SASA! SAY SOME-THING TO HER
YOU'RE TWO YEARS AHEAD THAT MAKES YOU A BABA!
...
WHAT
WE REALLY TOLD HER! SO LET'S GO HOME
THAT'S RIGHT, UGLY!
SWEET!
UGLY...
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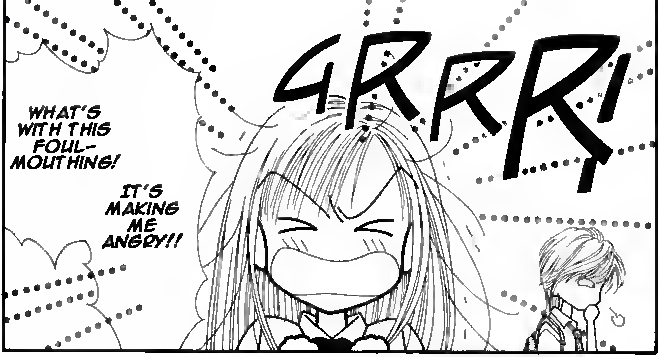
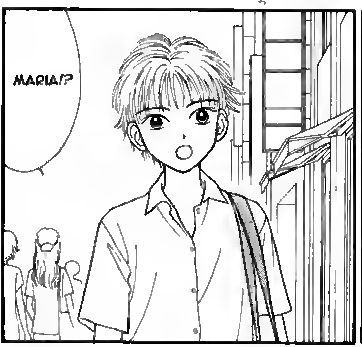
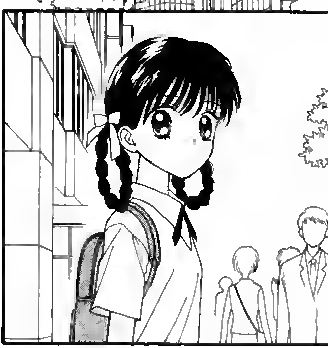

GRRR!
WHAT'S WITH THIS FOUL-MOUTHING!
IT'S MAKING ME ANGRY!!

WHAT'S SO FUNNY, HIROTO!!
OH, NO-THING


MARIA!?



OH, DAISUKE! IT'S BEEN A WHILE
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE THE SUMMER TOURNA-MENT
YEAH
YOU'RE ALONE TODAY?
YOU ARE NOT WITH HINO SCHOOL'S CAPTAIN
UHMM
...
THINGS DIDN'T WORK OUT WITH HIM.
HUH!?

OH, MARIA!
NOEL, SASA
WERE YOU OUT SHOPPING?
YEAH, YOU GUYS TOO?
AT A BOOK-STORE, WE COINCIDEN-TALLY MET AKIRA
SO WE REALLY TOLD HER A THING OR TWO FOR YOU!
THANKS
BUT THAT'S ENOUGH.
I'M GOING TO FORGET ABOUT THOSE TWO.
BECAUSE,
HE HE HE ...
I STARTED DATING DAISUKE.

WHY DID THAT HAPPEN!?
I UNEXPECTEDLY MET HIM EARLIER ON THE STREET. I TOLD HIM I BROKE UP WITH YOSHIAKI.
THEN HE CONFESSED THAT HE'S BEEN IN LOVE WITH ME FOR A LONG TIME.
HE TOLD ME, "IF YOU CHOOSE ME, I'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOU. WILL YOU DATE ME?".
MY FEELINGS WERE WEAK AT THE TIME SO I WAS REALLY HAPPY TO HEAR SUCH KIND WORDS.
I ACCEPTED HIS REQUEST.

THAT'S YOUR ALIBI?
BUT MARIA, YOU DON'T SPECIALLY LOVE DAISUKE...
UP TIL NOW, MY TARGET HASN'T CHANGED. BUT OF COURSE, I DON'T HATE HIM
FROM NOW ON, THE LOVE FOR DAISUKE IS LIVING
OU BEHAVE LIKE THAT, THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HATED BY PURE-HEARTED RIBON READERS. THAT'S WHY YOU LOST TO SASA AND MIYU IN THE POULARITY VOTE.
ALTHOUGH RECENTLY YOU'RE GETTING MORE SYMPATHY VOTES BECAUSE OF AKIRA.
THAT'S OK
I JUST WANT PEOPLE WHO CAN UNDER-STAND ME
ANYWAY, THAT'S THE WAY IT IS.
SO, PLEASE TREAT US WELL
...
SHE'S GREAT. SHE RECOVERED ALREADY
WAOW

I KIND OF DON'T AGREE ANYWAY, MAPIA'S GOTTEN ALOT BETTER, AND DAISUKE'S A GOOD GUY
WELL, OK
AND THEN
KARIN
I'VE GOT NO REASON TO LEAVE THAT THE WAY IT IS I'VE GOT TO CONTACT HER QUICKLY
BUT WHAT WOULD BE A GOOD THING TO SAY ?
PIN PON PAN PON
MISS MINAMINO NOEL. YOU HAVE A PHONE CALL.
KARIN! I WAS JUST THINKING OF CONTACTING YOU TOO!

UMM..
I'M SORRY ABOUT THE LAST TIME.
YOU DUMPED ME. I THOUGHT ABOUT STOPPING MY CALLS TO YOU, BUT, BY ANY MEANS SOMETHING DISTURBED ME.
THAT GIRL, MIYU LAST TIME SHE CALLED YOU TORU
AND THERE WAS THIS TIME I CALLED YOUR CELL PHONE AND YOU ANSWERED "THIS IS TORU"
THA..
THAT WAS...
I WANTED TO ASK YOU ABOUT THAT SO I CALLED I CALLED YOUR CELLPHONE BUT IT LOOKS LIKE THE NUMBER S BEEN DISCONNECTED. THERE WAS NOTHING ELSE I COULD DO SO I CALLED THE DORM AGAIN
SO NOEL.
WHY ARE YOU IN THE GIRLS DORM?!

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